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'Enough time to act on wage bill'

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Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said Thursday that the Legislature still has enough time to act on the local minimum wage bill, which aims to bring the CNMI's floor wage to $7.25 an hour. Demapan introduced House Bill 19-187 and, if signed into law by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, would immediately bring the minimum wage to the federal level.

Demapan

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan), introduced a separate bill, HB 19-23, last year that also hopes to increase the minimum wage to the federal level but in increments.

The Senate, last Wednesday, passed HB 19-23 with amendments that Rep. Angel Demapan said includes the intention of HB 19-187. "The Senate amended the speaker's bill to put the intent of my bill inside.

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Sugar Dock rehabilitation eyed

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Rehabilitating the Sugar Dock would take a lot of work but House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) and Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) are leading the efforts to make the facility safe again for the community.

Cracks have worsened at the once Saipan seaport, with some portions now crumbling, making it a safety hazard for tourists that swim and visit the place, which is also a popular attraction because of its clean water.

Sablan said they held a meeting last week where he and Demapan talked with representatives of the Bureau of Environmental and

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'Bisita Luta' draws crowds

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ROTA—Rota's hotel rooms registered 100 percent occupancy as visitors from neighboring islands enjoyed Bisita Luta and celebrated the island's fiesta for its patron saint, San Francisco de Borja, over the weekend.

With car rentals fully booked, *Saipan Tribune* spotted some tourists

» **Rota posts 100 percent hotel occupancy; 3 airlines operate**

walking on the streets in Songsong. The Rota Mayor Office's welcoming party and some local residents lived up to the hype of Rota as the "Friendly Island" by offering free rides.

Three airlines offered regular and chartered flights for Guam and Saipan visitors.

Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday that he has

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The *Fullcount II* boat, one of the 19 participants in the Bud Light Luta Fishing Derby, arrives at the West Marina, on Saturday afternoon. When *Saipan Tribune* left the harbor Saturday past noon, the team was leading in the marlin category with its 102-lb billfish catch.
FERDIE DELA TORRE

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Speech competition for culture and language preservation

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REPORTER

Practicing and perfecting a language is one way to take pride in one's culture and heritage. This was on display during the speech competition hosted by the Carolinian Affairs Office at the Carolinian Utt last Saturday, promoting the preservation and the continuity of the Chamorro and Carolinian languages throughout the CNMI.

The speech competition finally pushed through last Saturday after being postponed from within September due to unexpected conditions.

Carolinian Affairs executive assistant John Tagabuel shared that win or lose, the contestants were all winners. "For me, all the students that came out today are winners. The fact that they continue to practice the language and culture and make sure that we have continuity in the preservation of it is good enough for me," said Tagabuel. "Part of my job is to promote this, and today we are celebrating with the Chamorros and the Carolinians and we can see that the feast that we have and the children that came up for their prizes is nice."

Gina Camacho, a member of the panel of judges, expressed the same sentiments. "I am very grateful to be here, and I am very honored that they asked me to take part in this. It is very important for me to see that this continues. Again, your language is very important. The continuity of our culture is important. This is what I grew up on. I joined these things and I am thrilled to see and learned that it is still going on," she said.

Camacho hopes the same fate for future generations. "I do hope that in the coming years we see more indigenous children joining these events, perfecting, promoting, and preserving their culture, language, and values, to pass it on to the next generation."

Lt. Gov Victor Hocog's chief of staff John Gonzales attended the event as a father, and shared that, like his parents, he is instilling the value of culture just as his parents did to him. "They taught us the values of appreciating who we are, always going back and appreciating your taro roots, and defining your character based on the simple values that our parents passed on to us," he said. "We're doing exactly the same thing, we are empowering our children to believe and have faith with who we are, because when they go out to the global community, they know where they came from, they appreciate their simple lifestyle as islanders, and that they appreciate the diversity that makes the world a beautiful pottery of cultures and languages that live in harmony and tolerance."

Gonzales calls for abolishing the common misconception that a minority's language is unimportant. "Let's stop kidding ourselves, let's demystify the notion that we should not learn anything other than English, Spanish, or Chinese, because that is wrong. Research after research has proven that children that learn their mother tongue before the universal languages are much smarter and more successful. Let's demystify the notion that it is otherwise."

Winners for the Carolinian speeches grades 3-5 are Kenneth Kapileo, Rosana Moses, and Jasmine Mike, winning first, seond, and third, respectively. First place went to Neifesman Saito for the Carolinian speeches grades 6-9.

Winners for the Chamorro speeches grades 6-9 are Seiji Gonzales, Victoria Dela Cruz, and Francisco Atalig, coming in at first, second, and third place respectively.

For Chamorro speeches grades 10-12, the winners are Genzo Gonzales, Trinie Lizama, and Elden Maratita, coming in at first, second, and third respectively.

Islandwide fire prevention and breast cancer education drive

The BSI CSR team pose with CCA project manager Juan Babauta, ARFF firefighters, and 2016 Miss Marianas Queen Peachy Quitugua before the roadside waving and boot drive.

BSI-CSR PHOTO

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School pupils mill around ARFF team as part of its school outreach jointly conducted with BSI-CSR, to listen for safety tips.

BSI-CSR PHOTO

BSI Corporate Social Responsibility team took part in the boot drive and roadside waving for Fire Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

BSI-CSR PHOTO

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team took part in a successful islandwide education outreach program in collaboration with the 2016 Fire Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness committee the whole of last week.

"We've collaborated with Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and the Commonwealth Cancer Association on several projects in the past," said BSI-CSR representative Malcolm Omar. "We were invited to be part of the planning committee which organized the [past successful] events and [help plan] for forthcoming activities. We enjoy working alongside DFEMS and CCA and we wish to provide more services to the public as one team."

BSI-CSR team has been supporting and assisting the committee with various events that include, among others, the weekly "Boot Drives" and school outreach.

DFEMS firefighter and Fire Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness committee member Derek Gersonde extends his appreciation to BSI and the work provided.

"My team and I are grateful to be working alongside Best Sunshine," said Gersonde. "They've provided the support and manpower we need to get our projects done. We definitely will collaborate with BSI on more future projects. Thank you, Best Sunshine."

CCA project manager and Fire Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness committee member Juan L. Babauta was also excited about the collaborative work done with BSI.

"Amazing! You guys did an excellent job in collaborating with CCA," said Babauta. "The professionalism, the attention and the manpower shown throughout our projects are just outstanding. Thank you for this great collaboration. We look forward to working with BSI on our other future Cancer Awareness Projects! Thank you again!"

Several other projects and events are slated throughout the month of October in celebration of Fire Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. ***(PR)***

At Saipan Community School, EMS personnel along with the BSI-CSR team partner together.

BSI-CSR PHOTO

At Kagman Elementary School, Best Sunshine CSR committee representatives join Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service firefighters for their school outreach program.

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MICHAEL SANTOS

Teammates gather for a group photo in front of the garbage they collected along the beaches of San Antonio to Susupe on Oct. 8.

Soccer team cleans up beaches to support club

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Members of the "Thundercats" soccer team cleaned up a couple of beaches on Oct. 8, 2016, with the hopes of earning a little extra funding for their soccer club. "Thundercats" is a B Division team in the M-League that has a diverse group of people that all share the same passion for soccer.

One member, Don Cabrera, explained, "Basically we just clean the beaches so we can make money for our club. Unfortunately, ours [club] is one of those clubs that doesn't have a huge financial backing so we need to find ways to make money for team fees, uniforms, and other miscellaneous expenses."

Being the captain and co-founder of the soccer team, Cabrera explained how he and fellow teammates came up with the idea to pay for their club's expenses with beach cleanups, eventually continuing for about four more years since the team was first created.

"I believe it is a win-win situation for ourselves and the Marianas Visitors Authority. Not everyone is blessed with a surplus of money and this method helps with our desire to continue playing on the field and keeping our island beautiful. Cleanups aren't constantly available so whenever an opening arises, we take it," he said.

This weekend, the team started at 8am from the northern side of Pacific Islands Club and ended at Sugar Dock around 10am, making $200 altogether to be used for this coming season.

"Working together to ultimately finance all our equip-

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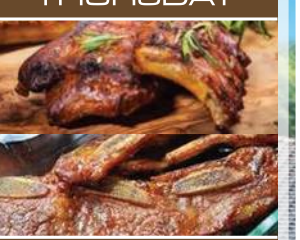
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Man allegedly assaults sister over phone

A 26-year-old man was arrested after his sister complained last week that he allegedly beat her up many times in the past and threatened to whack her face at their residence in Kagman III.

Donald Pangelinan was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $1,500 cash; preliminary hearing is on Oct. 14 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Pangelinan. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Police detective Koji M. N. Taisakan stated in his report that a police officer responded to Pangelinan's residence last Wednesday at 9:52pm.

Taisakan said that, according to the victim, she was trying to make her 3-month-old daughter go to sleep when her brother, Pangelinan, asked to borrow her cell phone. When she refused, Pangelinan got upset so she locked her room with a wire.

Pangelinan pulled the door open and allegedly threatened to hit break her face with a broom.

The shouting caused her baby to cry. He continued yelling at her.

After 15 minutes, Pangelinan came back and borrowed her phone again. When she refused, he got upset and allegedly tried to attack her but their mother stopped him.

He continued shouting and broke a fan. She went to their neighbor's house, where she called the police.

Pangelinan told police nothing happened as he was only shouting at his sister.

The victim told police that Pangelinan also threatened to hurt her before, causing her fear.

She also alleged that her brother beat her up numerous times in the past, including punching her until she bled and taken to a fire station for treatment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Ex-firefighter Koshiba surrenders

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REPORTER

Jergerson Techur Koshiba, a former firefighter facing sexual abuse of a minor charge, voluntarily surrendered to the Department of Public Safety in Susupe Thursday night and was then arrested.

At a hearing on Friday, his bail was kept at $100,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on Oct. 17 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for the 43-year-old Koshiba. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Last Wednesday, the CNMI Crime Stoppers Program sought the public's help for information on Koshiba's whereabouts after he could not be found and served with an arrest warrant.

Koshiba was released from the Department of Corrections last Monday, Oct. 3.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho signed the arrest warrant on Oct. 3 when the Office of the Attorney General filed a new information charging Koshiba with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

DOC released Koshiba that day, Oct. 3, shortly after Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo ordered his immediate release from custody.

Govendo ordered the immediate release of Koshiba because the offense of disturbing the peace carries a maximum sentence of six months and the defendant has been incarcerated at DOC since Feb. 27, 2016.

Govendo decided the misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace during the trial.

Last Sept. 30, Govendo adjudged Koshiba guilty of disturbing the peace and sentenced him to six months imprisonment, with credit for 218 days time served.

The judge declared a mistrial on the jury count of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. He dismissed the charge after finding that the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Defense attorney Joaquin DLG Torres, then-counsel for Koshiba, argued that his client should be immediately released after the mistrial because the court has no more jurisdiction in this case.

The government accused Koshiba of touching the private part of a 9-year-old girl at a residence on Navy Hill last Feb. 26. The trial commenced last Sept. 26 and concluded on Friday.

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been receiving a lot of calls, asking if there are still hotel rooms.

"The occupancy is 100 percent," Atalig said, adding that it's good for the economy but also bad thing because the island has no sufficient hotel rooms to accommodate more visitors.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres congratulated the Rota people for their successful fiesta and wished everyone a safe event.

"As we celebrate the fiesta we praise the Lord for everything that He has given us and also His guidance and protection from future typhoons," Torres said.

He attended a concert during the culmination of Bisita Luta (Visit Rota) at the Chamorro Village Park in Songsong on Friday night.

Torres also held a joint Cabinet meeting on the island with the Rota Mayor's Office on Friday. He left for Saipan on Saturday afternoon.

Atalig said that what they are doing with Bisita Luta is promoting the island by inviting people from neighboring Guam, Saipan, and Tinian to come and enjoy the festivities.

Atalig said Bisita Luta links up to the San Francisco de Borja fiesta.

Atalig said the Bisita Luta concept started with the former and late Rota Mayor Benjamin Taisacan Manglona.

"So I kind of just picked it up and continued because I think it's a good promotional thing to do for the island and of course for the economy of Rota," he said.

Bisita Luta started some activities last Wednesday and culminated with a concert on Friday night. On Saturday, residents and visitors alike celebrated the biggest event—fiesta.

Atalig, who encouraged people to be friendly to their visitors, whom they call their "neighboring island friends," asked people to extend their hospitality and friendly spirits.

"We welcome all these other people from other islands and other places around the globe," the mayor added.

Aside from three daily scheduled flights, Star Marianas had seven charter flights on Thursday and Friday, Atalig said.

He said Arctic Circle is also up and running since Thursday, providing additional flights from Guam and Saipan.

Atalig said Cape Air is also providing flights.

"I have to thank all these airlines for bringing in tourists from outside of Rota, especially in this very important occasion here in our small but friendly island," he said.

Bisita Luta chair Aubry Hocog said they came up with events that attract and encourage visitors from their neighboring islands and also from Asian countries.

This year, Hocog said, they started Bisita Luta on Wednesday with Taste of Rota and Rota Wildlife Showcase.

On Taste of Rota, people presented 18 categories of different types of island delicacies and food.

On Rota Wildlife Showcase, people displayed the skills of island hunters.

On Thursday night, people competed in the car show under three categories and also showed off their talents in singing and dancing.

Hocog said majority of the participants in the talent show were youths.

At Friday night's Bisita Luta celebration, people enjoyed free foods as they listened to Guam bands Island Kais and DUB, and Saipan's Northern Stars band.

Saipan's singer JJ Concepcion and some firefighters performed along with Saipan comedian Chinaman.

Hocog said they also have the two-day Rota Bud Light Fishing Derby to attract fishermen from Rota and neighboring islands The derby started Friday and ended on Saturday at 5pm.

Finally yesterday, the island had a family picnic.

"This is something that the mayor is very adamant about. He really loves to host events for Rota to be active, for people to be involved and also to attract people to come to Rota," Hocog said.

"We try to showcase the culture, the uniqueness of Rota, the beauty of Rota, its food and delicacies, " Hocog added.

Hocog thanked their sponsors—Marianas Visitors Authority, Bank of Guam, Ambros Inc., United Airlines, Docomo Pacific, IT&E, the Rota Mayor's Office, 15th Municipal Council, and Rota Legislative Delegation.

SUGAR

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Coastal Quality, Coastal Resources Management, the Division of Environmental Quality, and other agencies that could help the project.

"What we did is gathered all agencies that have policy interest with the Sugar Dock so that we could rehabilitate and fix what's broken in the area," said Sablan, who added they would invite the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Works to attend the next meeting.

He said Sugar Dock used to be under the Commonwealth Ports Authority since it was one of the island's ports of entry. The CPA transferred its control to the Department of Public Lands in 2016.

"Now, DPL is most likely the lead department on this. We appropriated a little over $100,000 funding to help in rehabilitating Sugar Dock," said Sablan who, along with Demapan, are Precinct 2 representatives.

"We don't know how much is the total cost of rehabilitating Sugar Dock, but the Speaker and I intend to keep on appropriating funds to fix it. Every time we have an opportunity, we will always try to find funding sources," he added.

Sablan said the first meeting was just to discuss how to go about rehabilitating Sugar Dock. "We just want to know what they are going to do and asked them to look at their policies and regulations."

"We just want to gather all of it and if we are going to rehab the port, it will require dredging. BECQ and CRM have policies, and an environmental assessment also needs to be done. We're going to have a series of meetings to address the issue," Sablan added.

He said the Sugar Dock's current state has also made it a safety issue. "We don't want our citizens, residents, and other people to go there and have an accident. There are barricades and signs but people tend to ignore it. We are not going to wait for an accident to happen."

Sablan said several children and other people use the dock as a diving platform and they want to warn them that what they are doing is dangerous. "Right now it is very dangerous but we're moving forward and we're going to have more meetings."

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I'm totally fine with incorporating my bill."

"No matter which bill goes forward, my concern is the intent of my bill, to bring it straight to $7.25 without delay. We are all excited with the direction the Senate is taking," added Demapan, who attended Thursday's proclamation signing declaring October as Domestic Abuse Awareness Month at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

He said the House wants to see the Senate amendments and act on it sooner than later. The House is expected to discuss it at its next session. "I have no issues if the spirit of the amendments are the same on my bill, to bring it to $7.25 without delay.

He believes that raising the minimum wage to the federal level would make the lives of people in the CNMI better. "Raising the minimum wage, if we do this, would also raise the quality of life and the standards in our community."

"We are making people's lives more comfortable than it was. Making it better is also one way to address the social issues." The bill goes back to the House where they would approve it if they would agree to the Senate amendments.

If it passes the House, the bill would await the signing of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who said in previous interviews that he would sign it right away. "The governor has been a strong supporter of increasing the minimum wage straight to the federal level," said Demapan.

"Once the House acts on the amendment, it will no longer go to the committee. The governor is ready and willing to sign it into law. The spirit of the amendment is to achieve the same purpose. We are hoping to have it ready for the governor to sign it."

He thanked the Senate for agreeing with the House, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the business community, and the administration for supporting the minimum wage bill.

"Obviously our economy has reach a point that all employees can now share in the success.

Sharing in the success, we now have a chance to lift the standard of living and improve the quality of life more than before," said Demapan.

SOCCER

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ment, I believe this not only helps us save money from our own pockets, but allows us to grow closer as a team." Cabrera said.

Groups are tasked with "sections" or certain areas to be cleaned. Payment is $100 per section cleaned. To be able to do beach cleanups such as this, one must make arrangements with the MVA office, have to be in a non-profit organization or club, take pictures as visual evidence of sections cleaned, and transport the garbage to a waste station and weigh in. For more information, call the MVA office at (670) 664-3200/3201.

Members of the CNMI Next Top Chef organizing committee meet at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan on Oct. 4, 2016, to plan for the Nov. 2 fundraising event. Proceeds of the event will benefit Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Next Top Chef registration open

The CNMI Next Top Chef competition slated for Nov. 2, 2016, is now registering interested chefs, cooks, and interested community members for the event on Nov. 2, 2016, at Saipan World Resort. Top prizes are $1,000 for first place, $500 for second place, and $300 for third.

This year's competition, the 4th Top Chef organized by charitable organization Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, will feature 12 chef teams in a "chopped"-style competition live on-stage at the Royal Taga Ballroom of Saipan World Resort in three rounds: appetizers, main entrée, and dessert. The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is jointly organizing the event this year with EVM.

Entry forms are available from EVM at emptyvesselministry@gmail.com or at their office on Middle Road, Gualo Rai. Entry is $50 and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We strongly encourage interested individuals to register as soon as possible, as we will be having a chefs meeting very soon to discuss the required local produce that will be used in each course, as well as the rules and procedures," said Fiesta Resort F&B director Das Krishnan, who is overseeing chefs on the organizing committee. "This year's event is going to be even more exciting than ever, and we want to support every chef in giving them the opportunity to shine at this year's event, all for a worthy cause."

Individuals who support Empty Vessel by purchasing a ticket to CNMI Next Top Chef will be able to attend the live competition, sample 20 diverse *hors d'oeuvres* prepared by HANMI-member hotels, and participate in wine tasting and a raffle drawing. Tickets are $35/person, and ticket sales will begin next week.

"EVM appreciates HANMI members and the committee for hosting our meetings on a weekly basis in planning the event. We thank as well the contestants and sponsors for being part of the event," said EVM director Rose Smith. "We are looking forward to an exciting and fun event, and we are forever grateful."

Sponsors and supporters include: Best Sunshine International, Ltd., Bridge Capital, Current CNMI, Triple J Saipan Inc., Mariana Resort & Spa, T Galleria, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT& E, *Marianas Variety*, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Pacifica Insurance, Pacific Trading, *Saipan Tribune*, KKMP, Kagman High School, and Joeten Supermarket.

Corporations and individuals interested in donating to the event may contact EVM at (670) 235-2340 or (670) 287-0426. All proceeds will benefit Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation. ***(PR)***

Local bills appropriate $45K for Rota

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed two Rota Legislative Delegation bills that appropriated more than $45,000 for various projects in the First Senatorial District. Delegation chair Rep. Glenn L. Maratita (R-Rota) introduced both local bills.

Torres

House Local Bills 19-71 and 19-72 are now known as Rota Local Laws 19-10 and 19-11, respectively, where a total of $45,935.14 are earmarked to the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation and for the island's tourism enhancement activities.

RLL 19-10 allots $20,000 to the foundation to assist the municipality's brightest students with their college education for the fall semester. The money came from local license fees of poker and pachinko slot machines collected.

RLL 19-11 appropriates $25,935.14 under Public Law 18-30 for gaming and tourism enhancement activities. The funds are divided into three events in the CNMI's southernmost island.

The annual Rota Fishing Derby and the 2nd Coconut Festival each received $5,000 while the 2016 Bisita Luta activities are getting $15,935.14. ***(Jon Perez)***

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Smoke testing of sewer system

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is informing its customers on Beach Road, Garapan between the I Love Saipan Building and Shenanigans Restaurant and Chalan Kanoa, Brigida Street behind LF Market to the M. Villagomez Building that there will be a smoke test of the sanitary sewer system within these areas to locate and identify location of all existing service connection connected to the section of the sewer main.

Smoke testing will commence tomorrow, Oct. 11, 2016, and is expected to run approximately two hours per area. For the area of Garapan, testing will be from 9am to 11am and for the Chalan Kanoa area from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/).

Smoke testing safety

During the testing, a special, non-toxic smoke is forced into the sewer lines in your neighborhood. This smoke leaves no residuals or stains and has no effect on plants or animals. Direct contact with the smoke may cause minor respiratory irritation in some people.

Testing notification

CUC's wastewater collection systems staff will perform the smoke testing. The crew members will not request entry into your home, but will be available in the area to assist you if you have any questions about the process.

Smoke in your home or building

To keep smoke from unnecessarily entering your structure, run water into all of your drains for one minute, especially those drains your use infrequently. Smoke should not enter your structure unless:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipe are inadequate, defective or improperly installed;
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing; or
- Pipe, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your building are damaged, defective, have clean out plugs missing or are improperly installed.

If you do see or smell smoke in your structure, immediately report it to the testing crew or contact the CUC Call Center at (670) 664-4282. This may mean that potentially harmful gases from the sewer could be entering your structure. Location, identification and correction of the smoke entering your home or business is strongly recommended. Do not be concerned if you see testing smoke coming from your rooftop sewer vents. This is normal.

Smoke testing FAQS:

Q: How does smoke testing work?

A: Smoke testing forces smoke-filled air through a sanitary sewer line. The smoke under pressure will fill the main line plus any connections and then follow the path of any leak to the ground surface, quickly revealing the source of the problem. Only enough force to overcome atmospheric pressure is required.

As long as openings exist for the smoke to follow, smoke tests are effective, regardless of surface type, soil type and depth of lines.

Q: Why does CUC smoke test?

A: Smoke testing is the most efficient and cost effective way to locate and identify locations where unauthorized water is entering the sewer system, or where unauthorized sewage is entering the storm drainage system.

Smoke testing is becoming a requirement nationwide for locating unauthorized water problems that are threatening the ability to properly treat wastewater and costing millions of dollars to wastewater treatment facilities.

Smoke testing will also help identify plumbing leaks in buildings. Sewer gases can cause health problems for building occupants.

Q: Will smoke testing of the sewers allow smoke to get into my home?

A: No, provided that your plumbing drain "traps" are not dry. Drains that are used once every several weeks should be okay. If you are not sure, simply run water down the drain for a minute to ensure that the trap is not dry. It is important to locate dry traps as they could allow sewer gas to enter the home.

Q: Is the smoke harmful?

A: No, this process is endorsed by the Environmental Protection Agency and has been safely used for more than 20 years. The "smoke" is not true smoke, but rather a mist containing a large percentage of atmospheric moisture that is highly visible at low concentrations. It will not harm your health or leave a stain and will disappear rapidly without leaving an odor. Material safety data sheets will be available upon request. Since any smoke can be an irritant, direct contact with the smoke may cause minor respiratory irritation in some people. Individuals with respiratory problems such as chronic asthma, emphysema or other respiratory conditions should avoid direct exposure to the smoke.

Q: What should I do if smoke gets into the house?

A: Contact a field crew member working in the area, or call the CUC Call Center at (670) 664-4282. Open windows for ventilation. The smoke will soon dissipate.

Q: If smoke gets into the house, how long does it take the smoke to dissipate?

A: The smoke will dissipate quickly with adequate ventilation.

Q: What is the purpose of smoke testing?

A: The main purpose of smoke testing is to locate areas where unauthorized water may be entering the sanitary system, or where sewage may be discharged to the storm drainage system.

Q: How will I know when the testing is scheduled to occur?

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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

THE CNMI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING

MORATORIUM NOTICE on

N.M.I. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 80 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUB-CHAPTER 80-20.1 EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS § 80-20.1-210 (C) (3) Exemptions from Workforce Participation § 80-20.1-215 (b) Particular Construction Project. Exemptions issued prior to this notice remains in effect until their expiration date.

This moratorium notice shall be in effect until such time that the CNMI Secretary of Labor publishes a new notice on this matter.

SMOKE

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A: Signs will also be placed along the roadways during the testing.

Q: I will not be at home during smoke testing and have pets in the house. What should I do?

A: The smoke is not harmful to pets. It would be a good idea to leave several windows partially open for ventilation, in the unlikely event that smoke does enter the building.

Q: Can smoke plug the sewer?

A: There is no way smoke can plug the sewer. The smoke is made up of a vaporized substance.

Q: Where does the smoke appear?

A: Smoke may be seen coming from roof vents, building foundations, manhole covers or yard cleanouts. Smoke coming from roof vents on the roof of homes is a normal occurrence and indicates to the crews that smoke has filled all sewers.

Q: What happens if you find a bad sewer connector or leak?

A: This information will be documented for further investigation.

Q: Will rodents be smoked out?

A: No. However, the smoke may detect broken building sewers where there is a potential for rodent access. Owners will be notified to repair broken building sewers. ***(CUC)***

Chamber and ITS present 'Sales and Networking for the Holidays'

With the holidays right around the corner, there is no better time to give your employees the gift that keeps on giving: training that will provide them with the tools to take their skills to the next level which will better your business's overall performance.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions proudly present "Sales and Networking," a two-part training seminar that is guaranteed to motivate your employees while preparing for the holiday rush.

In Part 1 of this course, participants will learn how to upsell, cross-sell, and suggestive sell. Part 2 will teach participants the importance of networking.

The trainings will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room on the third floor of Marianas Business Plaza, Suite #315. Part One is set for Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016, and Part 2 is set for Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016. Each course is $45 per person for members and $50 per person for non-members. Sign up for both courses and get the price of $80 (member fee) or $90 (non-member fee).

Participants will walk away with knowledge and tools that can be implemented this holiday season and in the New Year. There is no better time than now to invest in your employees! Take advantage of our special offer by signing up for both courses. Seats are limited. For more information or to register call (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. ***(SCC)***

Presentations on ancient Chamorro history tomorrow

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is inviting the public to attend presentations by visiting archaeologists Drs. Peter Bellwood, Mike T. Carson, and Hsiao-chun Hung at 6pm on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park.

Carson and Hung will talk about their most recent archaeological investigations at Laulau Bay and other early Chamorro settlement sites in the Mariana Islands.

Their research has concentrated on the initial settlement of the Marianas, which commenced at least 3,500 years ago. Archaeological excavations continue to reveal more about what people were doing and what kind of lifestyle they maintained at Laulau and other early settlement sites in the Mariana Islands.

Bellwood will share his thoughts about the oldest Chamorro sites in the Mariana Islands in relation to the larger picture of archaeology in the Asian-Pacific region.

His research over the past four decades has shaped much of what we know about ancient life and culture in Southeast Asia and Pacific Oceania, and demonstrates the value of joining archaeology with linguistics, biology, and other disciplines to better document and interpret life in ancient times.

Following their presentations, Bellwood, Carson and Hung will field questions from the audience.

This event is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council as a part of its ongoing Community Lecture series. It is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information about this upcoming event, call council staff at 235-4785. ***(PR)***

Water service outage in select Saipan areas

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform its customers of San Vicente, Dandan, Obyan, As Lito, Finasisu, As Perdido, Koblerville, As Gonno, and Afetnas that they will be experiencing a temporary water service interruption due to the testing of data collection to extend water service hours for customers living in these areas.

Testing will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, at 9:30am for a 24-hour period. Customers are advised to call CUC's Call Center if they are experiencing low pressure or no water service during the testing period. Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(CUC)***

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MCS celebrates 'the best' Cultural Diversity Day

Despite fears about rain and a few sprinkles, the sun came out in full force last Friday just in time for Mount Carmel School's annual celebration of Cultural Diversity Day. As part of the festivities, MCS students celebrated over a dozen cultures with a parade, cultural dances, and performances. The celebration featured the following grade levels showcasing their respective cultural traditions: K-4: Jamaica, K-5: Thailand, 1st: USA, 2nd: China, 3rd: France, 4th: Philippines, 5th: Germany, 6th: FSM, 7th: India, 8th: Japan, 9th: Russia, 10th: Mexico, 11th: CNMI, and 12th: Korea.

"This is probably the best cultural day celebration we've ever had," said school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "The kids were full of energy and their performances were wonderful!"

Deleon Guerrero also recognized the value of the school's diversity. "As one of our longest standing traditions, long before the CNMI declared its own Cultural Diversity Day, it's heartwarming to see our students, faculty, and staff appreciate our cultural diversity so much. After all, we are a very culturally diverse school, so it's important that we value and validate who we are on a day like this."

Student Council president Zeno Deleon Guerrero agreed. "I was very happy that all our students put in more effort into this celebra-

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K-5 students line up as they prepare to represent Thailand.

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First grade students line up as they prepare to represent the USA.

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K-4 students make their way to the performance area to represent Jamaica.

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A couple of K-4 students sport their homemade costumes in honor of Jamaica.

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Third grade students represent France during their performance.

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Fifth grade students line up on their way to represent Germany.

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Third grade students make their way to the performance area to represent France.

Fifth grade students prepare to present a traditional German dance. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Sixth grade girls are all smiles after their dance representing the cultures of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Camacho urges DOD engagement in H-2B visa problems for Guam

Republican Guam delegate candidate Felix P. Camacho has sent a letter to U.S. Department of Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter to appraise him on the denials of temporary foreign worker visas and the impacts on the timelines and budget of the Guam Buildup Program and related projects of sister agencies of the federal government.

Camacho

Camacho is seeking intervention by Carter, who as deputy secretary first visited Guam in July 2012 and was chairman of the Economic Adjustment Committee of the U.S. Department of Defense.

"In December 2015, the approval rate for H-2B visas was almost 100 percent while now the denial rate is almost 100 percent," wrote Camacho. "The total reversal has impacted local development, the health care services and operations at Guam Memorial Hospital and the recently opened Guam Regional Medical City Hospital, and your Military Construction program for Guam. There have been no major regulatory or policy changes that can account for the total H-2B visa waiver reversal."

Camacho spearheaded planning efforts between the government of Guam and the federal government since before the signing of the U.S.-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation in 2006 until the end of his term as governor of Guam in December 2010.

Camacho wrote that because of the increased denial rate, construction firms in Guam have had to send a significant percentage of their H-2B workforce back to their respective home countries, compromising recently awarded DOD and other federal contracts.

"It is not unreasonable that the favorable bidding environment will change, since the construction contractors will be forced to pass on the risk associated with the uncertainty or unpredictability of the use of H-2B workforce," wrote Camacho. "Having worked closely with the Department of Defense for six years, I understand the challenges and difficulties of having to go before the U.S. Congress to explain and justify program cost escalation."***(PR)***

EPA awards over $6.4M to NMI for water infra projects

HONOLULU—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded $6.4 million to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure support.

"This much-needed funding will help the CNMI provide cleaner, safer drinking water, while protecting its coral reefs," said Alexis Strauss, EPA's acting Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "We will continue to support CUC's efforts to ensure safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for the residents of CNMI."

Since 2010, EPA has awarded over $49 million to in Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), which provides utility services to residents for the design and construction of water and wastewater infrastructure. Past projects include the construction of the Papago drinking water tank and the San Vicente drinking water supply line.

This year's funding will used for water infrastructure projects to provide 24-hour drinking water service to customers, improve drinking water quality, and prevent water pollution. Targeted projects include a program to detect and repair drinking water pipeline leaks, a water supply line replacement at Finasisu, Saipan sewer lift station renovations and sewer system improvements, and a new water tank near the Northern Marianas College.

The EPA's Pacific Southwest Region (Region 9) administers and enforces federal environmental laws in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands and 148 tribal nations and is home to 50 million people. ***(EPA)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0183
MOSES D. WILLIAMS,	) AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Deceased.	)

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE MOSES D. WILLIAMS OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Emilia T. Williams** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Moses D. Williams, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is **Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The Hearing on the Petition by Emilia T. Williams as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on November 17, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at the hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of his publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **CHARITY R. HUDSON, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this 30th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Special Education State Advisory Panel (SESAP), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Annex Room, Pacific Islands Club, San Antonio Saipan. This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
- a) Roll Call
- b) Presence of a Quorum
- c) Adoption of Agenda
- d) Adoption of Minutes
  - March 30, 2016

II. FFY 2015 Annual Performance Report- Review

III. State Systemic Improvement Plan Phase 3

IV. Miscellaneous

V. Adjournment

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print or sign language interpreters must call 322-4545. Several days notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/S/ **Carla Torres**
Chairperson

/S/ **Suzanne Lizama**
Director, Special Education Program

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-001

Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 20, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-002

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

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One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-002 – Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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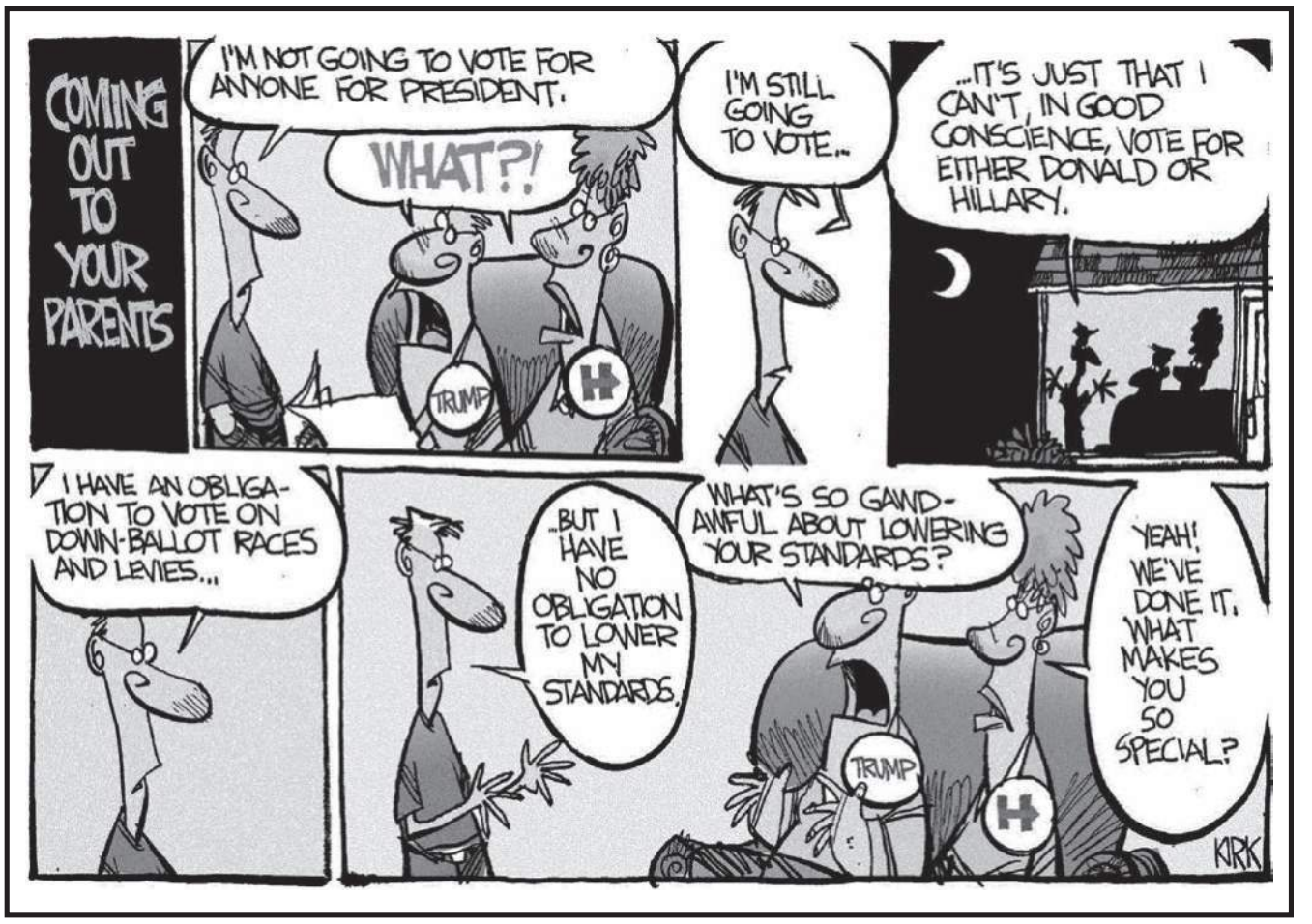
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EDITORIAL

Duterte's 'Go to hell': Not an ally's normal message

It's important to pay attention to seemingly deteriorating relations between Manila and Washington, which have been allies for 70 years. On Tuesday, Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte, a populist former big-city mayor elected in May, told President Barack Obama he "can go to hell" after the latest U.S. criticism of murderous vigilantism in the Asian democracy triggered by Duterte's call for the killing of drug dealers and drug users.

Duterte may soon apologize, as he did last month after calling the U.S. president a "son of a bitch." But there is little doubt that the Philippines are in for a wild ride after choosing a president who has long shown contempt for not just civility but due process and democracy, using extralegal death squads to fight crime and opposition while mayor of Davao City.

This is a terrible development for a nation of 100 million people that only in recent years has begun to enjoy the economic growth seen in many of its Asian neighbors. That growth was spurred by the decision of the last president, Benigno Aquino III, to push for international investment. Such investment is unlikely to continue if "Duterte Harry" continues to raise questions about his stability by saying Pope Francis is the "son of a whore" and calling a U.S. diplomat the "gay son of a whore."

How could such a coarse man be elected president in a landslide? It's because of anger over income inequality and constant headlines about corruption, and a desire for change in a political status quo in which power is often wielded by a handful of wealthy families. Aquino's mother, Corazon, was president from 1986 to 1992, after the People Power revolution forced out Ferdinand Marcos, the corrupt president of 20 years.

No matter how outrageous Duterte's provocations may get, the United States should not overreact. The Washington-Manila relationship is long and complex—the Philippines were a U.S. territory from 1898 to 1935—but the ties between the U.S. and Philippines armed forces are less fraught. In 2014, the nations signed a 10-year accord allowing the U.S. to establish military bases in the Philippines again, more than 20 years after such historic U.S. bases as Subic Bay were ordered closed during a surge of nationalism. The primary reason for the change of heart: the island archipelago's concerns about the increasing adventurousness of the Chinese military in the South China Sea.

This week, Duterte threatened to junk the agreement and forge a strategic alliance with China. This is unlikely to go over well with leaders of the Philippines armed forces, who have been humiliated by China's seizure of several small islands.

Duterte's latest salvo at the United States came as the U.S. and the Philippines military began their latest joint

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'Interruptology' explains the presidential debates

By FAYE FLAM
BLOOMBERG VIEW

If the thought of tuning in to the second presidential debate on Sunday fills you with dread, you're not alone. More than 80 million Americans watched Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump spar at the last debate, while moderator Lester Holt fired off critical questions that seemed to disintegrate, unanswered. After 90 minutes of noisy word exchange, viewers were left with only the broadest outlines of the candidates' stands on domestic and foreign policy—the issues presidents are supposed to deal with.

What trickery do the candidates employ to make the challenging questions or uncomfortable topics disappear? One clear pattern from the last debate was that the candidates interrupted each other almost constantly. But as I learned from University of Iowa communications professor Kristine Munoz, it wasn't just the number of interruptions that made the debate so unsatisfying. It was the type. A study in "interruptology" sheds light on why the last contest was so uniquely exhausting—and how viewers might glean more information from the next one.

There are four major types of interruptions, says Munoz, who studies them as part of her research on gender differences in communication. Some varieties are more civil than others. First there's "the friendly merger," in which speakers jump in to reinforce or support each other. In the last debate, Munoz counted six such outbursts from Clinton, two from Trump, and 12 for moderator Lester Holt. Then there's "the overlap"—a familiar glitch that occurs when people talk over each other accidentally. Munoz counted six initiated by Clinton and 23 initiated by Trump.

More prevalent in the first debate were the two unfriendly forms of interruptions: the "hostile takeover" and "verbal chicken." In the hostile takeover, one speaker aims to take the floor from the other. That sometimes succeeds and sometimes fails. By Munoz's count, Clinton attempted this nine times and succeeded in five of them. Lester Holt did it 11 times and succeeded in just three. Trump was the winner of this game, attempting it 37 times and succeeding in 30. Why did he get away with it? "The critical factor is practice," Munoz said. Men are more likely than women to use hostile takeover on a regular basis, and male bosses get even more opportunities to hone the skill.

In contrast, verbal chicken is rarely seen in professional settings, she said, and unheard of in a presidential debate—until now, that is. It happens when two people speak at the same time for an extended period, each trying to force the other to back down first. "Neither party is listening to the other, and no meaningful transcription of talk is possible," Munoz said. In the last debate, a full seven rounds of crosstalk erupted between Trump and Clinton.

Winning at verbal chicken isn't easy, Munoz said. It takes a fair amount of concentration and determination to hold your train of thought when someone is talking over you. In one instance, Clinton appealed directly to moderator Lester Holt, pleading that Trump's description of her economic policies "can't be left to stand." She was allowed to get the last word. In the other six cases, the victor was unclear.

Of course, "winning" the interruption game doesn't mean much if you lose the audience in the process. In many cases, hostile interruptions are so annoying that they diminish our opinions of those responsible. That's bad news for Trump. But it might also be bad for Clinton, even though she interrupted less, since some voters may have had held her to a higher standard of professional conduct. What's more, the hostile takeovers did help Trump change the subject when it suited him to do so. When "successful," a hostile takeover can get the interrupter off the hook.

Trump is not only good at the hostile takeover; he's proven adept a more subtle form of deflection—the pseudo-answer. These are statements that loosely connected to questions but do not in fact answer them.

Linguistics professor Andrew Kehler of the University of California San Diego said the pseudo-answers often work because listeners tend to unconsciously connect the dots. The most glaring example he caught in the first debate was when Trump was confronted with the fact that his company was sued for racial discrimination in 1973. Trump responded that they settled without ever admitting guilt. Some people might have assumed this meant he wasn't guilty. But his not admitting guilt has nothing to do with his actual innocence or guilt, which went unaddressed.

As moderator, Lester Holt did confront Trump on another pseudo-answer given in response to questions surrounding his refusal to release his tax returns. Trump had said that he's being audited, leading people to assume that the audit must somehow prevent him from releasing tax returns. Holt pointed out that it doesn't.

Can a winner be declared from such a strange event? If it was an interruption contest, Trump clearly won. But many media outlets declared Clinton the winner, in part because she generally appeared more professional and less obnoxious. Post-debate polls seem to tell the same story, with Clinton gaining on Trump. Those of us viewing the next round should keep tabs on the various ways the candidates derail each other and deflect important questions. And the candidates—especially Trump—may want to consider whether those outbursts are worth it.

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Some useful health tips

By RUSS MASON
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Russ Mason, M.S., wrote for a medical journal, "Alternative & Complementary Therapies," for eight years. He interviewed dozens of doctors who had much to share about unconventional treatment options. These included Tibetan medicine, Chinese medicine, botanicals, and treating stroke victims with hyperbaric oxygen.

Some things are worth repeating, since apparently the first messages didn't sink in.

Our community has some pretty serious health issues. Number one is obesity, and this needs to be addressed since being fat leads to other, more serious, conditions and complications.

A fat, or even overweight, person is more likely to develop Type II diabetes than a slender person. This is also true of young people.

A fat person is more likely to develop heart problems, since the heart has to work much harder to get the blood through all the flab.

Although there may not be a direct correlation between obesity and cancer, there are some connections; and sugar is the main culprit.

If you are fat and want to slim down, simply eat less at mealtime, and avoid sugar as much as possible.

I wrote previously about something called "intermittent fasting." I have been practicing this since Typhoon Soudelor smashed our home and we couldn't use our kitchen.

As a result I went on a regimen of one meal per day. At the time I was pretty chubby, around 186 lbs. Today I am 165, which is about right, considering my size and age. (I intend to lose more, but it's hard—as you know).

Save your own life

First, don't eat any meat from a can. You know what I'm talking about; it's not only in every store, it's a staple for many of our local citizens, along with white rice.

But if you eat it, you're rolling the dice with your health, especially if you eat it more than once a month.

Here's how I think the meat-in-a-can became popular here. It's just my opinion but I believe it's correct.

When the U.S. soldiers were here during the Battle of Saipan, they were each issued a few cans of this canned meat. The idea was to help them stay alive if they were pinned down on the battlefield and couldn't get back to the mess tent for meals.

But, fortunately, the U.S. Armed Forces had mess tents and pretty good food, so the soldiers didn't need to eat the canned meat.

What I believe they did was to give these cans of meat to the locals, many who were still in Camp Susupe. This canned meat was a wonder. It was tasty, convenient and ready-to-eat. The locals didn't have to go fishing or try to chase down a wild pig. Just open the can, slice it up, and dig in.

Were it not for the generosity of the American soldiers, the locals wouldn't have even known about canned meat. That is when the problems started.

The canned meat won't kill you, but if you eat a lot of it, the chemicals (mostly nitrites and nitrates) can, over time, give you cancer. That is because they form nitrosamines in the gut, and these chemicals are carcinogenic.

The other deadly food, which I have written about constantly, is sugar. It is especially prevalent in soft drinks, but of course it's in just about everything else—even ketchup.

If you can cut way back on your intake of sugar, you are doing a great thing for your health. Your body doesn't need it. Sugar depresses the immune system, so your chances of getting sick will increase.

Here's a simple rule, and I want you to remember it: if God made it, it's safe to eat. If man made it, be careful. Instead of eating canned meat, eat fresh fish, eggs, chicken, vegetables and fruits.

I hate the word "lifestyle," but that's what I am talking about.

If you (and your kids, especially) are to be healthy, you have to change many things in your life. These changes are not easy because old habits die hard and people get used to eating junk—even if the junk will kill them with diabetes, heart disease, or cancer (generally known as NCD's). It's suicide on the installment plan.

One thing you can do to improve your health immediately is to drink a glass of water in which you have stirred ½ teaspoon of baking soda (Arm & Hammer, Western Family, or other brand).

This drink is alkalizing and will help to prevent disease— almost all disease. Here's why:

Most diseases, including cancer, thrive in an acidic environment. Baking soda in water is alkaline, and will neutralize the acidity in your body.

If you drink the baking soda mixture, do so on an empty stomach—not after a meal. If you can do this every day, you cut your risk of illness significantly.

Every year the Commonwealth Cancer Society has a "walk" at the Hopwood school. The purpose is to raise money for cancer research.

It would be far wiser to use the money to buy every family a box of baking soda. The money for research is basically throwing it away. Tell you why.

Cancer will never be cured in our lifetimes, not so long as the FDA and the big pharmaceutical companies are running the show. No, cancer is "managed" but never cured.

However, an Italian physician, Dr. Simoncini, claims to have cured cancer with baking soda. He has made several interesting YouTube videos, and you are free to watch them. In fact, there are many "baking soda cures" videos. If you would be healthy, then watch a few.

Glorious sunshine

A scientist made an interesting discovery: that people who lived near the equator (we're not far from it) had fewer incidents of heart disease.

The reason is simple: we have sunshine almost every day, and people get outdoors more here than, say, in Norway or Latvia. And, with exposure to direct sunlight, you are getting a pretty good dose of vitamin D—"The Sunshine Vitamin."

Most people are deficient in vitamin D, so that is why it's a good idea to go to your favorite beach at least once a week.

You need not stay outdoors all day—30 minutes is a good amount. And, because vitamin D is stored in the body (it's a fat-soluble vitamin) visiting the beach once a week will give you a healthy dose of D, and this is preferable to taking vitamin D3 gel-caps.

I hope you will consider these health tips. There is nothing in this for me, personally. I don't have a book to sell, or a video, or anything else. I just want everyone in our beautiful islands to have long, healthy, and happy, lives.

It's not easy, but it's worth it.

Hillary Clinton's message to 15-year-old girl was confusing—and spot on

By HEIDI STEVENS
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

When a 15-year-old girl asked Hillary Clinton how she would heal the damage caused by Donald Trump's comments about women, Clinton's answer was a little confusing, sort of contradictory ... and completely accurate.

"I see with my own eyes the damage Donald Trump does when he talks about women and how they look," the girl, identified as Brennan Leach, daughter of a Pennsylvania state senator, said to Clinton during a town hall in Haverford, Pa., on Tuesday. "As the first female president, how would you undo some of that damage and help girls understand that they are so much more than just what they look like?"

First: I love this girl. At 15, I was plotting ways to meet any and all members of Duran Duran, so I could talk them into attending my prom. Politics, not so much.

Second: Clinton's answer.

"My opponent insulted Miss Universe," she said to laughter.

"We can't take any of this seriously anymore," she continued. "We need to laugh at it. We need to refute it. We need to ignore it. And we need to stand up to it."

Wait. Ignore it and stand up to it? Don't take it seriously and refute it? That sounds like a rather impossible combination.

That's because it is.

It's also exactly what girls and women find ourselves trying to do every day, whether we're deciding how to respond to Twitter trolls or playground taunts or boorish presidential candidates.

Clinton's answer captured the dialogue that runs on a continuous loop in so many of our heads:

Just ignore it. It's laughable!

But it's also not funny.

OK, it's not stopping. I'm going to say something. Should I say something?

Are we doing don't-poke-the-tiger or out-the-troll these days? Don't-stoop-to-their-level or beat-them-at-their-own-game?

It's exhausting. There's no right way to do it, because "it" is an impossible task:

Turn off your humanity and your ability to experience and process emotions.

Craft a plan.

Throw out the plan when it doesn't work.

Know that the plan will never work because you're fighting centuries of bias and expectations and messages that tell you to be beautiful and be nurturing and be nice and be ladylike. Have thick skin and laugh it off and don't take everything so seriously. Speak up and don't let yourself be mistreated and don't be an enabler.

Smile!

Clinton's answer was confusing because we've put girls and women in a confusing spot. It's tough to remember that you're so much more than your looks when magazine covers and beauty-product marketers and Kylie Jenner indicate otherwise.

It's even tougher when a presidential candidate goes on a middle-of-the-night tweet storm about a beauty queen gaining weight.

As for undoing that damage, a female president would be a good reminder that girls and women are more than their looks.

And for our part, we can do all the things Clinton mentioned to combat the notion that our appearance is our worth: Laugh at it, refute it, ignore it, stand up to it.

We get to decide when one (laugh) feels more appropriate than the other (refute), and we can cut ourselves some slack when our first choice doesn't work.

And, above all, we can shore up other people—girls, boys, women, men—when we see them trying to achieve that impossible balance in the face of taunts.

Brennan Leach was brave enough to stand up in an auditorium and speak truth to a presidential candidate. Let's find the courage to answer her with some humanity toward one another—and ourselves.

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exercise. "I serve notice to you now that this will be the last joint military exercise with U.S.," Duterte said.

He shouldn't be so sure about that. The key moment in the 1986 revolution that ousted Marcos was when the Philippines military decided it could not tolerate him stealing an election. The junior officers then are the senior officers now. If Duterte seeks to split with the U.S. and trust China as a partner, the officers may say—politely or otherwise—no thanks.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
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TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
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WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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THURSDAY
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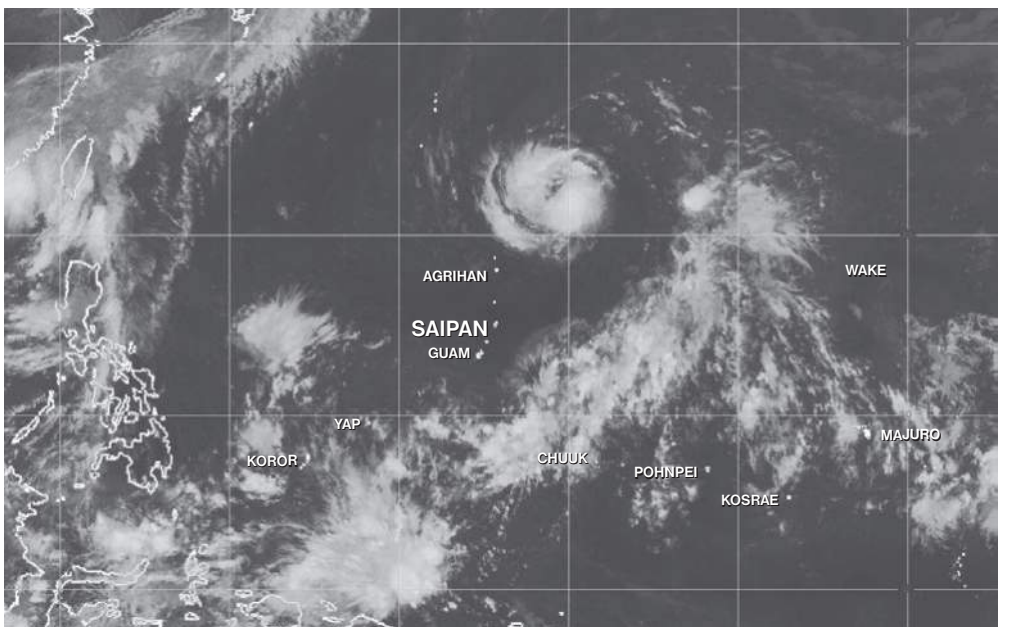

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Afternoon clouds	79 / 88 °F
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Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	81 / 87 °F
Majuro	Morning clouds	82 / 86 °F

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London	Broken clouds	55 / 61 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	61 / 81 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	80 / 88 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	48 / 58 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	74 / 82 °F
New York	Sunny	50 / 61 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	56 / 71 °F
Paris	Afternoon clouds	35 / 60 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	54 / 67 °F
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Salem	Mostly sunny	45 / 61 °F
San Francisco	Partly sunny	54 / 68 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	44 / 66 °F
Tokyo	Mostly sunny	59 / 67 °F
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

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tion than in previous years. …We also had a great mix of performances, including dances, songs, and even skits."

The performances were also part of a contest to see which class could best represent their assigned cultural tradition. In this contest, the second grade took first place in the A division, the fifth grade took first place in the B division, and the juniors took first place in the C division.

The student council also sponsored poster, poetry, and essay contests for cultural diversity. K-5 took first place in the poster contest, which asked K through 6th grade students to draw the cultural face of the CNMI. Seventh grade student Robin Alvarez took first place in the poetry contest, which invited junior high students to write poems about the cultural face of the CNMI. Senior Michael Ortizo took first place in the essay contest, which asked high school students to explain how cultural diversity has had a positive impact on the NMI.

In his winning essay, Ortizo reflected on how Typhoon Soudelor brought the island's diverse community together. "I did not see individuals helping themselves, but rather, I saw a community of various cultural identities rebuilding together." ***(MCS)***

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Junior boys proudly present the CNMI flag as they prepare to represent the Commonwealth.

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Seventh grade students pose after their Bollywood dance representing India.

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Junior girls pose for the camera right before their Chamorro dance representing the CNMI.

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Eigth grade students preset their banner representing Japan.

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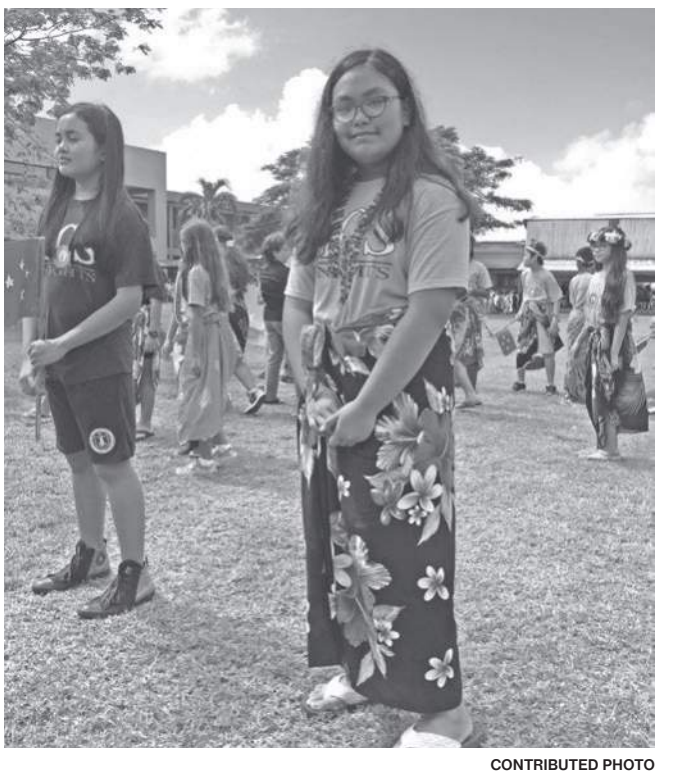
Sophomores present a banner representing Mexico.



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Sixth grade student Keehara Baldazo prepare to present a dance representing the different cultures of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Freshmen present their banners representing Russia.

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Seniors present their banner as they make their way to the performance area to represent South Korea.

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Junior boys line up as they prepare to present a Carolinian dance representing the CNMI.

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Sophomore boys sport their costumes and guitars as they prepare to represent Mexico.

Business

World finance officials pledge more resources to aid growth

AP
International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde, right, shake hands with Bundesbank President Jens Weidmann after the signing ceremony for a bilateral borrowing agreement during World Bank/IMF annual meetings at IMF headquarters in Washington on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016.

WASHINGTON (AP)—World finance leaders pledged Saturday to use more resources to try to bolster economic gains as they confront stubbornly slow growth and a rising backlash against globalization.

The policy committee for the 189-nation International Monetary Fund said the world has "benefited tremendously from globalization" but that protectionism is a threat.

Increasing anger over globalization dominated the annual meetings of the IMF and its sister lending agency, the World Bank.

The unhappiness is evident in Britain's vote in June to leave the European Union and in the U.S. presidential campaign of Republican Donald Trump. Trump has said millions of Americans have lost jobs or seen wages stagnate because of unfair trade practices of countries such as China and Mexico. He is vowing to impose penalty tariffs if those practices are not halted.

The British vote sent shockwaves through financial markets this summer, and there were further troubles Friday when the British pound plunged by 6 percent against the dollar before recovering. Investors worry whether there will be more turbulence if the British exit proves to be messy and prolonged.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said "growth has been too low for too long, benefiting too few," and that's what officials need to address.

French Finance Minister Michel Sapin said global leaders must address concerns of inequality and injustice caused by globalization, such as tax evasion by big corporations and job losses by workers.

"We must fight against this immorality of globalization, this inequality, to again give our people the taste for openness and multilateralism," Sapin told reporters. "There can be an unhappy globalization and we must fight against it."

In their statement, IMF officials committed to designing and putting in place policies "to address the concerns of those who have been left behind and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from globalization and technological change."

The IMF, however, did not spell out what actions countries would be willing to take. In an era of budgetary constraints, it is unclear how governments will find the resources to expand education and job training programs and strengthen social safety nets.

Mario Draghi, the head of the European Central Bank, told reporters that even with the turbulence linked to Britain's exit vote, he felt the short-term consequences had not been as dramatic as some had predicted but "to think that there won't be any consequences would be probably too hopeful."

Draghi said a lot will depend on how prolonged the post-Brexit uncertainty lasts as Britain and the EU negotiate next year over the terms of separation. "It's a matter of this political uncertainty that clouds the outlook for growth," Draghi said.

Train service set to resume after deadly New Jersey crash

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Rail service at a New Jersey transit station damaged after a train crash last week that killed a woman on the platform and injured more than 100 will resume Monday, as officials continue to investigate why the train was traveling twice the speed limit before it hit the station.

Eight of the 17 tracks at Hoboken Terminal will reopen Monday at the busy station where commuters connect with other trains and with ferries heading into New York City, New Jersey Transit announced Friday.

Also Friday, a state lawmaker said the Assembly will request New Jersey's auditor initiate an investigation into the crash. Assemblyman John McKeon said on Friday Assembly Speaker Vincent will ask the auditor to investigate the crash, likely by Monday.

One person was killed and more than 100 were injured last Thursday morning when the train slammed through a bumper at the end of the track and dislodged an overhead canopy, showering debris onto the train.

The federal agency investigating the crash said Thursday the train was going about twice the speed limit of 10 mph just before the crash.

With the resumption of service, a new rule will require that the conductor join the engineer whenever a train pulls into the terminal, NJ Transit spokeswoman Jennifer Nelson said. That means a second set of eyes will be watching as a train enters the final phase of its trip at stations where there are platforms at the end of the rails.

In the Sept. 29 crash, the engineer was alone at the time. He has told federal investigators he has no memory of the crash.

Some rail safety experts caution that having a second person in a cab isn't automatically safer, since crew members can sometimes distract each other. In 1996 outside Washington, D.C., a commuter train engineer was thought to have been distracted by a conversation with a crew member, causing a crash with an Amtrak train that killed 11 people.

It took investigators until Tuesday to make the New Jersey crash site safe enough to be able to remove an event recorder from the lead car that had smashed into and over a bumper at the end of the line. The damaged train that took out part of a canopy wasn't removed until Thursday, a week after the crash.

US says Iran rules don't ease sanctions, but others disagree

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration said Saturday its new guidance for foreign companies doing business with Iran doesn't ease remaining sanctions on the country. Some sanctions experts argued that the revised language has that effect.

The Treasury Department said that an update to its regulations published late Friday merely clarified what is and isn't allowed since last year's landmark nuclear deal that gave Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for limits on its atomic program. Treasury said the new "Frequently Asked Questions" section of its Iran sanctions regulations was issued in response to concerns from foreign businesses uncertain about what transactions may still be prohibited by non-nuclear sanctions.

"Yesterday's update was intended to clarify the scope of sanctions lifting under the (nuclear deal) and the sanctions that remain in place, and does not represent additional sanctions relief," Treasury said.

However, the clarifications make explicit that some previously prohibited dollar transactions with Iran by offshore banks are now allowed as long as they do not enter the U.S. financial system. And, they remove what had been seen as a blanket ban on foreign transactions with Iranian firms controlled by a person who remains subject to U.S. non-nuclear sanctions.

Despite the nuclear agreement, the U.S. maintains sanctions on Iran and certain Iranian companies and people. They are known as "specially designated nationals" or SDNs, for a variety of reasons, including its ballistic missile program, human rights record and support for groups the U.S. deems to be terrorist organizations.

The new Treasury language says foreign transactions with non-sanctioned entities that are nonetheless "minority owned" or "controlled in whole or in part by an Iranian or Iran-related person on the SDN list" are "not necessarily sanctionable" under U.S. regulations.

Treasury and some sanctions lawyers maintained that the new guidance doesn't reflect any change in policy or a loosening of sanctions.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

CoreLogic: Matthew insured US property losses as much as $6B

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Insured losses on homes and commercial properties damaged by Hurricane Matthew are likely to be in the billions, but well short of the hefty costs caused by Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina. Property data firm CoreLogic estimated Saturday that insured losses on residential and commercial properties will be between $4 billion and $6 billion. The estimate covers storm surge and wind damage, which CoreLogic anticipates will account for 90 percent of insurance claims related to the hurricane. Matthew's estimated losses are a fraction of those racked up by Superstorm Sandy, which barreled into the Northeast in 2012, and Hurricane Katrina, which swept through Louisiana and nearby states in 2005. Sandy's insured property losses reached up to $20 billion, while Katrina's hit as high as $40 billion, according to CoreLogic.

China criticizes European import duties on steel

BEIJING (AP)—China has accused the European Union of hurting competition by imposing anti-dumping duties on Chinese steel, ratcheting up growing global tensions over a flood of low-cost Chinese exports. The EU duties announced Friday are the latest in a series of measures taken by Europe, the United States and other trading partners in response to what they say are improperly low prices for Chinese steel. They complain the flood of Chinese exports is depressing global prices, hurting foreign competitors and wiping out jobs. A Commerce Ministry statement said Chinese steel exports could not affect prices because they account for just 5 percent of the European market. "Rashly taking such wrong steps as trade protection and restricting fair market competition is not the right direction for development of the European Union steel industry," said the statement, dated Saturday.

Nation

Damaged but defiant, Trump limps toward debate with Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)—Damaged but defiant, Donald Trump is limping toward a critical presidential debate against Hillary Clinton absent the backing of a growing group of Republican leaders. Trump insists he will "never" abandon his White House bid despite calls for him to step aside after his vulgar descriptions of sexual advances on women were revealed.

Trump's task in Sunday's faceoff is enormous, and perhaps insurmountable. Even before the recording of his remarks were made public, the businessman was lagging behind Clinton after an undisciplined first debate and struggling to overcome deep skepticism among women about his temperament and qualifications to be commander in chief.

Ohio Republican Party Chairman Matt Borges said that for Trump, "The debate is now everything."

Trump has hinted he may turn the debate into a referendum on Clinton's marriage, namely her husband's extramarital affairs and her treatment of the women who were involved. In what was billed as a videotaped apology for his actions, Trump said "Bill Clinton has actually abused women" and Hillary Clinton "bullied, attacked, shamed and intimidated" her husband's "victims."

Outside Trump's small cadre of advisers, support for the businessman was scarce following Friday's release of the 2005 videotape in which he can be heard detailing his attempts to have sex with a married woman. In an extraordinary rebuke, Trump's own running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, declared he could neither condone nor defend the remarks.

"We pray for his family," Pence said in a statement after canceling a Wisconsin appearance scheduled with House Speaker Paul Ryan and the Republican National Committee chairman, Reince Priebus, both of whom had condemned Trump's remarks but stopped short of withdrawing support altogether.

AP
This Oct. 7, 2016, file photo shows Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump pausing during a meeting with members of the National Border Patrol Council at Trump Tower in New York.

Several other Republicans did take the extraordinary step of revoking support for their party's nominee one month from Election Day and with early voting already underway in some key states.

Among them: Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte—both are running for re-election—and the party's 2008 nominee, Arizona Sen. John McCain, who had stood by Trump even after the billionaire questioned whether the former POW should be considered a war hero because he got "captured."

McCain, who is also facing a challenge in November, said Trump's behavior made it "impossible to continue to offer even conditional support for his candidacy."

Many went further and called on Trump to quit the race altogether.

"I thought supporting the nominee was the best thing for our country and our party," Alabama Rep. Martha Roby said in a statement. "Now, it is abundantly clear that the best thing for our country and our party is for Trump to step aside and allow a responsible, respectable Republican to lead the ticket."

Police chief: 2 officers killed, one hurt; shooter is at large

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—Two Palm Springs police officers trying to resolve a family dispute were killed Saturday when a man they had been speaking with suddenly pulled out a gun and opened fire on them, the city's police chief said.

A third officer was wounded and remained hospitalized. The shooter was not immediately identified.

SWAT officers quickly surrounded the house where the shooting took place, and authorities said late Saturday night that the gunman might still be holed up inside.

"It was a simple family disturbance and he elected to open fire on a few of the guardians of the city," said Chief Bryan Reyes at a news conference.

The chief, near tears, identified the slain officers as Jose "Gil" Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny.

Zerebny, 27, had been with the department for about 18 months and only recently returned from maternity leave after giving birth to a now-4-month-old daughter. Vega, the father of eight, was a 35-year veteran who planned to retire in December. He had been working overtime on his day off Saturday. The wounded officer's name was not released.

Reyes said the three were standing near the front door speaking with the man, "trying to negotiate with the suspect," when he suddenly shot them.

Riverside County SWAT officers quickly sealed off the normally quiet residential neighborhood in this desert resort town as police evacuated some residents. They told others to stay inside their homes, keep their doors locked and not to open them for anyone until further notice.

Reyes also asked the media and others not to stream live video of officers' movements on social media, adding it could put them in danger.

"Understand that we're actively looking for a cop murderer," he said.

A neighbor, Frances Serrano, told The Associated Press she called authorities after the father of the shooting suspect came to her house across the street and told her his son was "acting crazy."

"He said his wife left because she was so scared of him," Serrano said, adding the father warned her that his son had threatened to shoot police if they arrived.

She'd gone back inside her home before officers arrived, Serrano said, and a few minutes after they got there she heard gunfire. Moments later officers were knocking on her door, warning her to stay inside.

Matthew whips North Carolina as it slowly exits East Coast

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Hurricane Matthew still had some dangerous fight left in it early Sunday, dumping more than a foot of rain on North Carolina in a deluge that flooded homes and businesses as far as 100 miles inland.

What will go down as one of the most potent hurricanes on record was blamed for at least 10 deaths in the U.S. and hundreds more in Haiti. As Matthew made its slow exit off the East Coast, dozens of people—including a woman and her small child—had to be rescued from their cars as life-threatening flash floods surprised many in North Carolina.

As night fell, authorities warned people to stay off the roads until the storm had passed, and the full extent of the damage likely wouldn't be clear until daybreak. The unofficial rainfall totals were already staggering: 18 inches in Wilmington, 14 inches in Fayetteville and 8 inches in Raleigh.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said in its 2 a.m. ET Sunday update that the center of the storm was about 30 miles south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and had sustained winds of about 75 mph (120 kpm).

"This is a very, very serious and deadly storm," Gov. Pat McCrory said.

But in many places along the Southeast coast, the damage consisted mostly of flood-

ed streets, blown-down signs and awnings, flattened trees and power outages.

As the storm passed and the skies cleared, people started cleaning up, reopening their businesses or hitting the beach. The power started coming back on. And all three major theme parks in Orlando, Florida, including Walt Disney World, were up and running.

Along Daytona Beach's main drag, the Silver Diner had all of its shiny metal siding ripped off the front and sides, leaving only a wood frame exposed. Next door, the front window of a souvenir shop had been blown out and the roof and ceiling torn through, leaving pieces of pink insulation dangling.

Leaked campaign emails show 'moderate' side of Clinton

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—Hillary Clinton took nearly every precaution to ensure voters would never know what she told investment bankers, lobbyists and corporate executives in dozens of closed-door paid speeches before running for president.

Turns out, the Democratic presidential nominee had good reason to do so.

The private comments strike a tone starkly at odds with the fiery message she's pushed throughout her campaign, particularly during the hard-fought Democratic primary. Some of her remarks give fresh fuel to liberals' worst fears about Clinton, namely that she is a political moderate, happy to cut backroom deals with corporate interests and curry favor with Wall Street for campaign dollars.

The WikiLeaks organization on Friday posted what it said were thousands of emails obtained in a hack of the Clinton campaign chairman's personal email account. Among the documents posted online was an internal review of the speeches conducted by campaign aides to survey the political damage her remarks could cause if they ever became public.

In what aides calculated were the most damaging passages, she reflects on the necessity of "unsavory" political dealing, telling real estate investors that "you need both a public and private position." To investment bankers from Goldman Sachs and BlackRock, Clinton admits that she's "kind of far removed" from the middle-class upbringing that she frequently touts on the campaign trail. She tells Xerox CEO Ursula Burns that both political parties should be "sensible, moderate, pragmatic."

And in speeches to some of the country's biggest banks, she highlighted her long ties to Wall Street, bantering with top executives and saying that she views the financial industry as a partner in government regulation.

"Part of the problem with the political situation, too, is that there is such a bias against people who have led successful and/or complicated lives," she said, according to an excerpt from an October 2013 discussion with Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein.

Clinton appears to question the importance of the divestment of assets that financial executives often undertake to avoid the appearance of conflicts of interest when they enter government service.

"You know, the divestment of assets, the stripping of all kinds of positions, the sale of stocks. It just becomes very onerous and unnecessary," she said.

Asia

Anti-India clashes erupt in Kashmir city after boy's killing

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Indian forces fired shotgun pellets and tear gas Saturday as thousands of people carried the body of a 12-year-old boy killed overnight during an anti-India protest in the main city of the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

Chanting "Go India, go back" and "We want freedom," thousands of residents marched to the main Martyr's Graveyard in Srinagar for the boy's burial. Police and paramilitary soldiers fired warning shots, pellets and tear gas, fearing the procession could become a larger rally calling for an end to Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region, said a police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy.

Some tear gas shells landed near the mourners carrying the body, which was draped in a Pakistani flag with pro-freedom slogans written on it.

Clashes broke out as hundreds of young men hurled rocks at the troops while another group of mourners changed route to bury the dead. Clashes also spread to at least four other neighborhoods in downtown Srinagar, with scores reported injured.

The boy was critically injured Friday evening after he was hit by shotgun pellets all over his body. He died at a hospital overnight.

Residents said the boy was hit inside his home compound, some 9 meters (30 feet) from clashes between protesters and government forces. Police said he was part of the clashes.

At least 50 people were injured during dozens of clashes Friday as tens of thousands of Kashmiris protested against Indian rule.

Government forces continued firing shotguns to disperse angry crowds despite repeated warnings from India's Home Ministry to minimize their use and widespread outcry against such weapons by local and international rights groups that have sought their ban. The pellets have killed at least six people and left hundreds of civilians with serious eye injuries, with dozens losing their eyesight.

Meanwhile, a police official was killed after suspected rebels fired at a police post in the region.

Police official Reyaz Ahmed said Saturday that a group of militants appeared on the outskirts of southern Shopian town overnight and tried to snatch weapons from a police bunker. He said the rebels sprayed gunfire after police resisted, leaving a policeman dead and two others wounded.

The violence came as Kashmir is experiencing its largest protests against Indian rule in recent years, sparked by the killing in July of a popular rebel commander by Indian soldiers.

The protests, and a sweeping military crackdown, have all but paralyzed life in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

More than 80 civilians have been killed and thousands injured, with hundreds among them blinded and maimed, mostly by government forces firing bullets and shotgun pellets at rock-throwing protesters. Two policemen have also been killed and hundreds of government forces injured in the clashes.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan but claimed by both in its entirety. Most people in the Indian-controlled portion favor independence or a merger with Pakistan.

A militant uprising and subsequent Indian military crackdown since 1989 have killed more than 68,000 people.

AP
Members of All Jammu Kashmir Civil Society chant slogans during an anti-Indian demonstration in Karachi, Pakistan, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016.

Chemical weapon for sale: China's unregulated narcotic

SHANGHAI (AP)—The United States government is concerned that carfentanil, a powerful opioid that has caused a rash of overdose deaths, could be used as a chemical weapon and has discussed the matter with China, the State Department said Friday in response to an Associated Press investigation.

"Agents like carfentanil could be used in lethal doses that would make them comparable to traditional nerve agents, raising concerns that they could be used as chemical weapons," a State Department official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

U.S. officials addressed the issue with their Chinese counterparts at the G-20 summit of world leaders in September, and again last week at a scheduled meeting on law enforcement cooperation, the official said.

The AP identified 12 Chinese vendors willing to export carfentanil to the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Belgium and Australia, in quantities that could kill millions of people, no questions asked.

"We can supply carfentanil ... for sure," a saleswoman from Jilin Tely Import and Export Co. wrote in broken English in a September email. "And it's one of our hot sales product."

Carfentanil is so toxic an amount smaller than a poppy seed can kill a person, but it is not a controlled substance in China. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is also pressing China to blacklist carfentanil, but Beijing has yet to act, leaving a substance whose lethal qualities have been compared with Venomous Agent X, or VX, to flow unabated into foreign markets.

The AP did not actually buy any drugs, or test whether the substances on offer were genuine.

China's Ministry of Public Security did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Carfentanil is 100 times more powerful than fentanyl, a related drug that itself is up to 50 times stronger than heroin. Carfentanil's only routine use is as an anesthetic for elephants and other large animals. It burst into view this summer as the latest scourge in an epidemic of opioid abuse that has killed tens of thousands in the U.S. alone.

Since July, there have been 19 deaths related to carfentanil in just the Detroit area, local health officials said Thursday. On Friday, Canadian health officials announced that carfentanil was found in the bodies of two young men who took lethal overdoses of the drug.

New York bombing suspect's father: US 'punishing' my family

ISLAMABAD (AP)—The father of New York bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami said on Saturday that the FBI had made "mistake after mistake" in handling the case and is now "punishing" the family for his son's wrongdoing by barring them from travelling to the United States.

Mohammed Rahami told The Associated Press by phone that the FBI did not "do its job properly" by failing to act when he contacted investigators in 2014 with concerns his son could be a terrorist. He said he told investigators that his son had become "bad" and his personality had changed after returning from trips to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

A senior FBI official last month pushed back against the elder Rahami's claim that he warned agents about his son. FBI agents interviewed the father after a 2014 incident in which Rahami was arrested on charges—later dropped—that he stabbed one of his brothers in the leg, according to the FBI official, who insisted that Rahami's father "at no time" discussed his son's radicalization or potential interest in al-Qaida, the Taliban or their propaganda. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the case by name and spoke to AP on condition of anonymity.

Rahami said U.S. authorities recently turned back his wife and one of his sons when they tried to travel from Afghanistan to the United States. He said Ahmad Khan Rahami's wife was also refused entry into the U.S. He would not reveal where his daughter-in-law was living, but said her family is from the Pakistani city of Quetta. He urged U.S. authorities to allow his relatives to travel to the United States, saying they are law-abiding citizens.

Rahami is accused of planting bombs in New York and New Jersey that wounded 31 people last month. The Afghan-born U.S. citizen remains hospitalized with gunshot wounds after a police shootout. Prosecutors said that when he was arrested Rahami was found to be carrying a journal that praised Osama bin Laden and other militants and that fumed about what he saw as the U.S. government's killing of Muslim holy warriors.

The elder Rahami said he had been given no information on his son's condition in hospital.

ASIAN BRIEFS

11 suspected Islamist militants killed in Bangladesh raids

NEW DELHI (AP)—Security forces in Bangladesh killed at least 11 suspected militants in three separate raids Saturday in an ongoing crackdown against Islamic extremism in the South Asian nation, a top government official said. The suspects were members of the banned group Jumatul Mujahedeen Bangladesh, or JMB, which the government has blamed for a deadly attack in July at a restaurant in Dhaka, the capital, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan. The men were killed in operations in the Dhaka suburb of Gazipur and the central district of Tangail, Khan said. Officials said the raids began Saturday morning based on information that the militants were in the areas. Security forces asked the militants to surrender, but they refused and began firing, and the security forces fired back, Khan said.

Afghan army helicopter crashes in north Afghanistan; 8 dead

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Eight Afghan army soldiers were killed early Sunday morning when a military helicopter crashed in northern Baghlan province, officials said. Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said that five crew members and three army soldiers were killed in the crash. The crash took place in Dand Ghori district while the helicopter was supplying a military base, he said. Waziri blamed a technical problem with the aircraft and said he rejected any claims by insurgents to have downed the helicopter. One helicopter was on the ground while a second was patrolling in the air above, when "suddenly a technical problem caused the helicopter to catch fire and hit the ground," Waziri said.

World

Aid convoys arrive as Haiti gauges full extent of disaster

JEREMIE, Haiti (AP)—A small airstrip at the edge of town hums with activity. Aid convoys are arriving from the capital, now that some roads washed out by Hurricane Matthew have been cleared. A barge carrying food and water is moored offshore of this coastal town.

An international response to the staggering blow delivered by Hurricane Matthew to southwestern Haiti was finally getting underway Saturday even as authorities were still trying to gauge the full extent of the death and destruction.

"It's beginning to pick up now," said Stephane Rolland, a regional coordinator for the International Federation of the Red Cross, as workers unloaded blankets, soap, bleach and other critical items in Jeremie.

There are clearly limits, though, including the fact that the airstrip in Jeremie is unable to accommodate large cargo planes, and only operates in the daytime. Many of the villages in the southwestern peninsula are difficult to reach. And people are growing increasingly desperate after losing everything when the storm ripped through the area on Tuesday.

AP

Residents wait on the shore as a boat with water and food from the "Mission of Hope" charity arrives after Hurricane Matthew swept through Jeremie, Haiti, Saturday Oct. 8, 2016.

One woman stared with outstretched arms as a U.N. convoy drove through town. "I am hungry. I hope they can help," said Fabienne Charles, explaining that she would normally be working as a market vendor but lost her supplies in the storm.

The precise death toll from the storm remained uncertain. Guillaume Silvera, a senior official with the Civil Protection Agency in the Grand-Anse Department, which is on the tip of the southern peninsula and includes the city of Jeremie, said they had confirmed 522 deaths, not including anyone in several remote communities that they have yet to reach because of collapsed roads and bridges.

"We think the numbers will have to go up," Silvera said.

Civil Protection headquarters in Port-au-Prince, meanwhile, said Saturday their official count for the whole country was 336, which included 191 deaths in Grand-Anse.

Death tolls are frequently difficult to tabulate in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster in any country, though it is particularly difficult in remote and mountainous southwest Haiti.

Government officials estimate that at least 350,000 people need assistance, and concern was growing over an increase in cholera cases following widespread flooding unleashed by Matthew. An ongoing cholera outbreak has already killed roughly 10,000 people and sickened more than 800,000 since 2010, when the infectious disease was introduced into the country's biggest river from a U.N. base where Nepalese peacekeepers were deployed.

Maria Sofia Sanon, a health worker overseeing the open-air cholera treatment center in a corner of Jeremie's main hospital, said they were ill-equipped to deal with patients. The area was strewn with broken tree branches, and a group of young mothers sat outside holding up the arms of their glassy-eyed children being rehydrated via IVs.

"They're not supposed to be in the sun, but we have no more beds," Sanon said.

The World Food Program says there has been massive destruction of crops. Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed as they struggle to deal with an increase in patients with injuries sustained during the storm as well as an apparent increase in cholera. UNICEF said that in Grand Anse alone there were 66,000 houses destroyed and 20,000 heavily damaged.

Rival Syria resolutions by West and Russia defeated at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Rival resolutions on Syria backed by the West and Russia were defeated in the U.N. Security Council on Saturday, offering no relief to the besieged city of Aleppo and leaving the key powers even more divided over a course of action in the war-ravaged country.

Russia vetoed a French-drafted resolution demanding an immediate halt to the bombing campaign that the Syrian government and Russia are carrying out against rebel-held districts in Aleppo. The rival Russian draft which made no mention of a bombing halt was rejected because it failed to get the minimum nine "yes" votes needed for approval by the 15-member council.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, the current rotating council president, said before the votes that members were engaging in "one of the strangest spectacles" in the Security Council, because they were meeting knowing that neither resolution would be adopted.

"This waste of time is inadmissible," he said.

The votes reflected the deep divisions in the U.N.'s most powerful body which is charged with ensuring international peace and security but has totally failed to take action to end the more than 5-year Syrian conflict which has killed over 300,000 people and displaced millions.

The French-backed resolution received 11 "yes" votes, two "no" votes from Russia and Venezuela, and abstentions from China and Angola. The Russian resolution received four "yes" votes, nine "no" votes, and two abstentions.

It was the fifth veto by Russia of a Western-backed resolution aimed at ending the Syrian conflict.

When Syria's U.N. Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari started speaking after the votes, a number of ambassadors walked out, including the representatives of Britain, France, Ukraine and the United States.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, who addressed the session before the vote on the French resolution, warned that the continued bombing of Aleppo was killing civilians and destroying hospitals and schools—"and has nothing to do with combatting terrorism," as Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and its close ally Russia contend.

UNICEF calls for end to 'dire' situation in Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP)—UNICEF's representative in Syria called Saturday for an end to the violence that has beset northern Aleppo, causing "dire" humanitarian and psychological impacts on both sides of the divided city.

U.N. agencies are on "standby" to deliver needed assistance, Hanaa Singer of the U.N.'s children agency told The Associated Press.

With the key powers deeply divided, the U.N. Security Council on Saturday once again failed to agree on the course of action in war-ravaged Aleppo, and Syria in general. Russia vetoed a resolution drafted by France demanding an immediate halt to the bombing of Aleppo. A resolution put forward by Russia that called for a separation of moderate and extremist forces in Syria but making no mention of a bombing halt in Aleppo failed to get the minimum nine "yes" votes required for passage.

Also on Saturday, Syrian state media and a Syria monitoring group said pro-government troops advanced in a northern district of eastern Aleppo, wrestling control from rebel fighters in their latest push into the besieged area.

Singer said conditions in besieged Aleppo are "terribly dire," with hospitals hit, doctors overwhelmed, and over 100 children killed in bombings since Sept. 19. Conditions for thousands of displaced in the government-held part of the city are also deteriorating, with some of them being displaced for up to six times in the last three years, she said.

Singer returned earlier this week from a week-long trip to the government-held part of Aleppo where she was visiting thousands of displaced Syrians. Most are crammed in makeshift shelters, mosques, parks and churches after recently fleeing clashes on the front-line between rebels and pro-government forces. In one case, a mother so desperate from the continuous displacement, stabbed her baby girl thinking she will save her the misery of living on handouts and without a home, Singer said.

Describing the dramatic situation for thousands of families living in shelters in government-controlled Aleppo, Singer said: "These (are) the horrors in western Aleppo. God knows what is happening, (in the case of) mental health or the psychological situation on the eastern (rebel-held) side."

Western Aleppo, controlled by the government, is separated from eastern rebel-held Aleppo by a few meters, sometimes by a single plastic sheet or pockmarked building. An estimated 275,000 people are living in the rebel-held part of Aleppo, with no international aid reaching the area since the first week of July. Besides the scarce assistance, it is also difficult to assess the needs with the ever-evolving violent situation, and lack of access for international aid groups, she said.

UN: Yemeni officials indicate over 140 killed in airstrike

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—A Saudi-led coalition airstrike hit a funeral hall packed with thousands of mourners in Yemen's capital Saturday, killing over 140 people and wounding more than 525 in one of the deadliest single attacks of the country's civil war, a U.N. official said.

Saudi Arabia announced early Sunday it would launch an investigation into "reports about the regrettable and painful bombing" in Sanaa, without immediately acknowledging that its coalition battling rebels in Yemen is the only force with air power in the conflict.

It is the latest in a string of bombings by the coalition that have struck hospitals, markets and other places civilians congregate.

"The place has been turned into a lake of blood," said one rescuer, Murad Tawfiq.

Yemeni officials said the dead and wounded included military and security officials from the ranks of the Shiite Houthi rebels fighting the internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and their allies, loyalists of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Saturday's funeral was held for Sheikh Ali al-Rawishan, the father of Galal al-Rawishan, the interior minister in the rebel-led government. Among those killed was Maj. Gen. Abdul-Qader Hilal, head of the capital's local council, officials said, while Galal Al-Rishwan was seriously wounded.

In the aftermath of the strike, hundreds of body parts were found strewn in and outside the hall. Rescuers collected them in sacks. The strike left the building little more than a shell, with most of its walls and roof gone. Cars parked outside were mangled by the blast.

Mohammed Abdul-Salam, the Houthis' spokesman in Sanaa, angrily denounced the airstrike as the latest act of "genocide" by the Saudi-led coalition.

"The silence of the United Nations and the international community is the munition of the murderers," he said. "Those murderers will not escape divine justice."

In a statement early Sunday, Saudi Arabia said an investigation would be launched into the strike. Previous investigations by the Saudis have blamed Houthi or rebel forces for gathering near the sites of their attacks.

Focus

A look at the first 100 days of Duterte's turbulent rule

By JIM GOMEZ
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In this July 23, 2016 photo, Jennilyn Olayres cuddles her live-in partner alleged drug user and pusher Michael Siaron, after he was killed by unknown assailants at an intersection in Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines. In just 100 days in office, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has stirred a hornet's nest by picking a fight with Barack Obama, the United Nations, the European Union and others who have criticized his brutal crackdown against drugs that has left more than 3,600 suspects dead.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— In just 100 days in office, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has stirred a hornet's nest by picking a fight with Barack Obama, the United Nations, the European Union and others who have criticized his brutal crackdown against drugs, which has left more than 3,600 people dead.

In another defining aspect of his unorthodox rule, the 71-year-old Duterte has pushed back his country's 65-year treaty alliance with the United States, while reaching out to China and Russia.

Highlights of the first 100 days of Duterte's turbulent presidency:

ANTI-DRUG WAR

Duterte's obsessive focus on his deadly crackdown on illegal drugs, a hallmark of his three-decade political career, has single-handedly defined his early days in the presidency. It has become his boon and bane and earned widespread condemnations when he compared it to the Holocaust under Hitler. A rough estimate puts the death toll at about 3,600, including more than 1,300 suspects killed in gunbattles with police—an average of 36 killings a day since he took office on June 30.

The scale of the crackdown has been unprecedented, with the police launching more than 23,500 raids so far and arresting 22,500 suspected drug dealers and addicts. More than 1.6 million houses of drug suspects have been visited by police to invite them to surrender and stop using drugs or disengage from the drug trade. About 732,000 addicts and dealers have surrendered, apparently for fear of being killed, overwhelming Duterte and the national police, and prompting them to scramble for land and money to build rehabilitation centers.

Duterte's public threats to kill criminals, especially drug dealers, have helped considerably reduce the crime rate, according to police. A poll by the independent Social Weather Stations last month showed 84 percent of adult Filipinos were satisfied with his war on drugs, but 94 percent felt it was important for police to arrest suspects alive, underscoring public worry over the growing body count even in a crime- and insurgency-plagued country long accustomed to deadly violence.

Western governments led by the U.S., the EU, the U.N. and human rights watchdogs are alarmed. Amnesty International says Duterte's "first 100 days as president have been marked by state-sanctioned violence on a truly shocking scale."

Uncertainty over the killings, Duterte's SOB-laced verbal assaults on President Barack Obama, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and other critics, along with flip-flopping government pronouncements, have been partly blamed for foreign selling in the stock market and the peso's plunge to a seven-year low.

FRAYING U.S. ALLIANCE

An emerging casualty under the Duterte presidency is the country's 65-year treaty alliance with the United States, which has been a constant target of his foul tongue. He has had a falling out with Obama, who along with the State Department raised concerns over the widespread drug killings, earning Duterte's wrath. In a speech this week, he told Obama "to go to hell."

While critical of the U.S., Duterte has reached out to China and Russia.

Labeling himself as leftist, Duterte wants U.S. counterterrorism forces to leave his country's south, saying their presence was helping inflame restiveness among minority Muslims and they could be targeted by extremists. He ordered the military not to join the U.S. Navy in planned joint patrols in the disputed South China Sea, and said that an ongoing combat drill by U.S. Marines and their local counterparts, one of 28 joint exercises by the allies each year, would be the last of his six-year presidency.

The U.S. has generally played down the effect of Duterte's remarks and underscored the Filipinos' long affinity with America, although Philippine officials have said that some of their U.S. counterparts have privately been concerned about where Washington's alliance with the Philippines is headed.

Duterte's moves to limit engagements with visiting American troops will impede Washington's plans to expand the footprint of U.S. forces in Southeast Asia to serve as a counterweight to China, including in the South China Sea.

TAMING DECADESLONG REBELLIONS

Duterte's effort to resume peace talks with communist insurgents who are waging one of Asia's longest rebellions has led to cease-fire declarations by both sides. With a cease-fire accord forged under his predecessor with the largest Muslim rebel group, the easing of violence involving the communist insurgents has freed up thousands of troops who were redeployed to execute the president's order to destroy the brutal Abu Sayyaf group, notorious for kidnapping and beheading Western tourists.

Duterte, however, walks a tightrope in handing concessions to the communists, including the release of long-detained insurgent leaders, without unsettling a military that's in the front line of a bloody conflict that has left between 30,000 to 40,000 combatants and civilians dead in nearly half a century. He has made whirlwind visits to at least 22 military and police camps to explain his counter-insurgency strategy, raffle off pistols and update them on a pledge to double their salaries and improve medical care for combat troops.

A Sept. 2 bomb attack that killed 15 people at a night market in Duterte's southern hometown of Davao prompted him to declare a "state of lawlessness" to empower the government to harness troops in countering militant threats in urban areas. The attack was a reality check on the complexity of fighting the restiveness that Duterte blames on atrocities against local Muslims by American colonial forces around the early 1900s.

Health & Fitness

Scientists are still chasing after the cause of runner's high

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TNS

That euphoric feeling many people get from running, aka "runner's high," may be triggered not by endorphins but by marijuana-like chemicals in the brain called endocannabinoids, research suggests.

For many marathon runners, the reward for pushing themselves during the race extends beyond the finish line in the form of a hidden perk: runner's high.

But knowing what causes that euphoric feeling — and how to achieve it — has been a bit of a mystery.

First identified in the 1980s, runner's high has long been attributed to the body's release of endorphins, the feel-good hormones. But a flurry of research in recent years suggests that the source of that floaty sensation many runners experience might be more complex than previously believed.

Scientists from the University of Heidelberg led a groundbreaking study published last year that tested mice before and after spins on a running wheel. Not surprisingly, the mice were less anxious and less sensitive to pain after their runs.

But when the scientists suppressed the part of the brain that contains "endocannabinoids" — chemicals that have the same relaxing effect on the brain as marijuana — and tested the mice again before and after exercising, they found no change in the anxiety and pain levels. Thus, they concluded, the endocannabinoids were behind the runner's high.

But other research points to yet another source: a hormone called leptin that is linked to hunger feelings.

The theory involving leptin says that when we have lower levels of leptin, we are more likely to run farther like our ancestors had to in order to find food. On longer runs, some researchers believe, our bodies are more likely to achieve a runner's high.

Don't expect Fitbits to improve health, help drop pounds

LONDON (AP)—Wearing a fitness tracker may help you keep tabs on how many steps you take, but the devices themselves—even with the lure of a cash reward—probably won't improve your health, according to the biggest study yet done on the trendy technology.

Scientists say that although the activity trackers may boost the number of steps people take, it probably isn't enough to help them drop pounds or improve overall health.

"These are basically measuring devices," said Eric Finkelstein, a professor at Duke-NUS Medical School in Singapore, who led the research. "Knowing how active you are doesn't translate into getting people to do more and the novelty of having that information wears off pretty quickly."

Finkelstein and colleagues tested the Fitbit Zip tracker in a group of 800 adults in Singapore, by dividing them into four groups. Of those people, more than half were overweight and obese and about one third were active.

A control group got information about exercise but no tracker and a second group got the Fitbit Zip; everyone in those groups also got about $2.92 a week. Participants in the last two groups got the tracker and about $11 for every week they logged between 50,000 and 70,000 steps. One of the groups had the money donated to charity while the other kept the cash.

After six months, people with the Fitbit and who got the cash payment showed the biggest boost in physical activity. But after a year, 90 percent of participants had abandoned the device. The physical activity of the Fitbit wearers did not decline over the year as much as it did for those who were not given a tracker, but the higher activity level wasn't enough to produce any improvements in weight, oxygen capacity, or blood pressure.

"These trackers can encourage people to take more steps, but it still seems like these random extra steps aren't enough to really improve your health," Finkelstein said. He said what's needed is more "active steps," or what would amount to brisk walking or more rigorous exercise.

The study was paid for by Singapore's ministry of health and published online Tuesday in the journal Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology.

The results seem to reinforce those of another study, published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association. In that study, conducted over two years, researchers found that adding wearable activity tracking devices to a diet and fitness program didn't result in more weight loss. Those who didn't wear devices lost about five pounds more than those who wore them, but both groups slimmed down and improved their eating habits, fitness and activity levels.

Fitbit, in a statement responding to the study Tuesday, said: "We are confident in the positive results our millions of users have seen from using Fitbit products." The statement went on to say that it was in the process of improving its trackers.

Finkelstein said some of the newer fitness trackers have more advanced features, like prompts to exercise and ways to link to social media, but he still thinks it is unlikely people will radically change their exercise regimes without a more comprehensive approach.

Some experts said the results were disappointing but not surprising.

"We should not be so naive to believe that simply by giving a sleek-looking gadget to someone, they will change deeply-rooted lifestyle habits," said Emmanuel Stamatakis, a physical activity expert at the University of Sydney who was not part of the research.

Others said the trackers might be more useful if they were aimed specifically at unhealthy people.

"People who are active are already motivated so they don't need these devices," said Lars Bo Andersen of Norway's Sogn and Fjordane University College.

Fitbit shares have fallen by half since the beginning of the year, to just under $15 a share.

AP

In this Monday, Feb. 29, 2016, file photo, Brett Broviak, a manager of respiratory and sleep services at IU Health North Hospital, shows off his Fitbit fitness tracker for the camera on the hospital's campus in Carmel, Ind.

Healthy Living

Nutritious and refreshing

The flesh and edible seeds of papaya fruit are a delicious source of vitamin C.

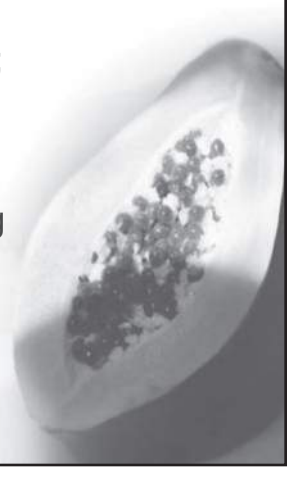
Nutrient count

In 1/2 cup fresh papaya, cubed

Calories	30
Carbohydrate	8 g
Protein	1 g
Vitamin C	50 mg

Not for some salads

Avoid using papaya in fruit-and-gelatin salad; an enzyme in papaya breaks down protein, which will keep the gelatin from thickening



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Life & Style

Footage of Trump's off-air 'Apprentice' talk under wraps

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Footage from Donald Trump's appearances on the set of his long-running reality TV show "The Apprentice" remained locked away from public view on Saturday, despite allegations by cast and crew that the Republican presidential nominee frequently used lewd and sexist language while shooting the show.

The Associated Press again attempted to contact the executive producer of "The Apprentice," Mark Burnett, after Friday's release of a separate recording on which the Republican presidential nominee brags about aggressively groping women.

That separate recording of Trump was made in 2005 by a different show, "Access Hollywood," as Trump prepared to appear on a soap opera.

AP

In this Oct. 6, 2016, photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a town hall in Sandown, N.H.

Trump's "Access Hollywood" comments led to widespread condemnation, with several Republican members of Congress calling on Trump to abandon his White House campaign.

In a video posted after midnight, Trump apologized, but also called the recordings a distraction. He told a pair of newspapers on Saturday he would never quit the race.

"Access Hollywood" said Friday it was an AP story published Monday about Trump's frequent use of lewd and sexist language as host of "The Apprentice" that led it to dig through its archives and turn up "Access Hollywood" footage of the Republican nominee.

AP had previously asked "The Apprentice" producer, Burnett, to provide the original "The Apprentice" footage for review earlier this year. Those calls were not returned.

On Friday, AP contacted NBC, which broadcast "The Apprentice." The network said it could not legally release any footage and referred calls to the producer, Burnett.

Contacted before the publication of this week's AP report, NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks said the network only had licensed "The Apprentice" footage from Burnett. She said Friday she did not know if NBC had any footage from "The Apprentice" in storage, but that if it did, NBC could not legally release any of it.

"We don't have the legal right to give out the footage from that show," the NBC spokeswoman said.

Billy Bush under fire along with Trump for lewd comments

LOS ANGELES (AP)—First it was Ryan Lochte lying about being robbed in Rio, and now it's Donald Trump's startlingly lewd videotaped comments. For the second time in less than two months, TV personality Billy Bush is part of a major news story—but this time, he's coming under fire.

Bush

Although Bush was working for entertainment news show "Access Hollywood" when he and Trump exchanged crass, caught-on-video remarks about women in 2005, he's now a co-host of NBC News' "Today" and, observers say, may have violated standards of journalism as well as civility.

At a minimum, the network should bar Bush from covering Trump and the presidential race, said Mark Feldstein, a former broadcast journalist and now a professor at the University of Maryland. If Bush failed to disclose the Trump exchange to his NBC News bosses, then more is demanded, he said.

"If he actively covered up information that he knew would embarrass a presidential candidate," that is a "firing offense" for a journalist whose job is to inform the public, Feldstein said.

Even as a host on "Access Hollywood," Bush should have known better, said Jonathan Handel, an entertainment industry lawyer and teacher at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law.

"Someone in even a faux-journalist position has a lot of power to influence attitudes and behavior," Handel said. "This isn't so much about journalist ethics as it is the line between respectful behavior and vulgar behavior."

Bush should recuse himself from election coverage because it would be inappropriate to have him report on "a campaign where his attitude toward women and the candidate (Trump) is compromised," he said.

NBC did not respond Friday when asked whether the incident would affect Bush's role on "Today," which he's had since August. He is co-host of the morning show's third hour, which tends to focus on lighter stories.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Lindsay Lohan visits Syrian refugees in southeast Turkey

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey's state-run news agency says Lindsay Lohan has visited a government-run refugee camp near Turkey's border with Syria. The Anadolu Agency said Saturday the U.S. actress toured the social facilities and preschool in Nizip before giving refugee children there presents. She also visited an art and handicrafts workshop where she talked with the female students. Around 5,000 Syrian refugees live in container homes in the camp, which was visited by British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson in September and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in April. Anadolu Agency said Friday that Lohan had visited a book fair in Istanbul's Sultanbeyli district where she bought books for the refugee children. The actress has been visiting refugee families and facilities around Turkey for the past two weeks.

Viola Davis attends hometown health center's groundbreaking

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. (AP)—Viola Davis has made an appearance at the groundbreaking of a new community health center in her impoverished Rhode Island hometown. The Emmy-winning star of ABC's "How to Get Away With Murder" joined local dignitaries Saturday in Central Falls for a ceremony featuring hard hats and shovels at the future site of a $15 million center by Blackstone Valley Community Health Care. Davis grew up and attended public schools in the city, Rhode Island's smallest and poorest community. The Providence Journal reports she has been one of Central Falls' most prominent boosters in recent years, raising and donating money to the library, high school chess team, drama club and a local charter school. Davis was also expected to participate in a free community health fair in the city.

TV versions of 'Batman,' 'Wonder Woman' to meet in new comic

NEW YORK (AP)—Holy TV crossover, Batman! The colorful 1960s version of the Caped Crusader will team up with the groovy 1970s rendition of Wonder Woman in a new comic book series. DC Comics announced Friday at New York Comic Con that "'Batman '66 Meets Wonder Woman '77" will unite the characters from the "Batman" TV show staring Adam West and Burt Ward with the "Wonder Woman" TV series featuring Lynda Carter for the first time. "Batman '66" writer Jeff Parker says "it really feels like Lynda Carter and Adam West going into action again, this time together." "Wonder Woman '77" writer Marc Andreyko says the crossover series will "span 30 years as these two legendary superheroes fight an ancient evil across the decades." The 12-chapter comic book series will launch Nov. 23.

Basic information is critical for emergency responders

DEAR ABBY: I am a 911 dispatcher with some hints for your readers in case they need emergency services and must call 911.

PLEASE pay attention to where you are. The most important information we need is the address of the emergency. If you are on the highway, tell us the Interstate and closest mile marker, as well as your direction of travel. Many people assume that we can trace their number to their location. While that may be true for landline phones, it's not for cellphones. Only the cellphone company can "ping" a phone.

I would also like to caution parents about letting their children play with a deactivated phone. If you want to let them play or practice, first REMOVE THE BATTERY. Many calls we receive come from kids playing on a deactivated phone, and we are unable to call those numbers back to verify if there's a legitimate emergency. These calls also tie up emergency lines for people who have a genuine emergency, making them wait longer for their call to be answered.

My last comment is this: If you dial 911 by accident, please tell the dispatcher that it was an accident. We never get angry if someone inadvertently dials us. Our job is to make sure the public is OK. If it was accidental, say so! Otherwise, we must call back to make sure there is not an emergency.

Those of us in this profession do this job not because we are getting rich, but because we want to help people. We are the most important link in getting people the help they need, but we cannot do it without knowing where the emergency is. Thanks for getting the word out!

DISPATCHER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR DISPATCHER: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. Readers, 911 dispatchers are the critical first contact for people needing help, but they cannot do their job unless they know where the emergency is and that the emergency is genuine. I hope you will take this person's suggestions to heart because they are important.

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DEAR ABBY: We have been learning about genetics in my biology class and how you have to get two recessive genes from your parents to have the recessive trait, like red hair. I thought it was cool, so I tried to figure out which traits I got from my parents.

Now I am freaked out because there were several traits I have that I could not have gotten from them! At least one of my parents must have been someone else. I asked my teacher without being specific, and she said I was right. Now I don't know what to do. I wonder if I came from an affair that maybe my dad doesn't know about. Do you think I should ask?

LEARNED TOO MUCH IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR LEARNED TOO MUCH: Yes, I do. But the people you should talk to are your parents, to get the full history on family traits of relatives from other generations you may not know about.

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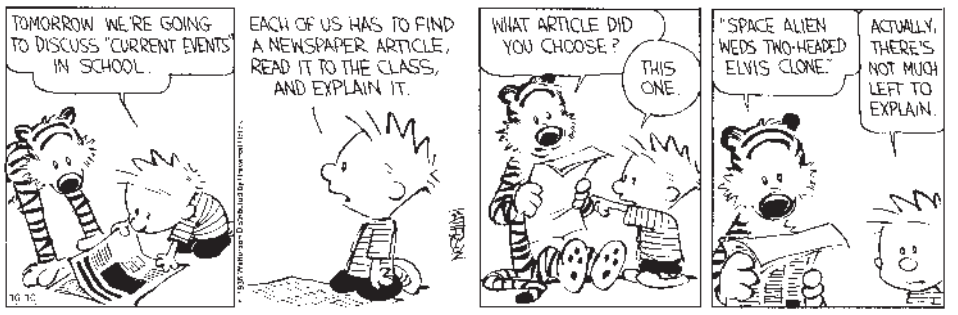
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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THIS ONE.
"SPACE ALIEN WEDS TWO-HEADED ELVIS CLONE."
ACTUALLY, THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT TO EXPLAIN.

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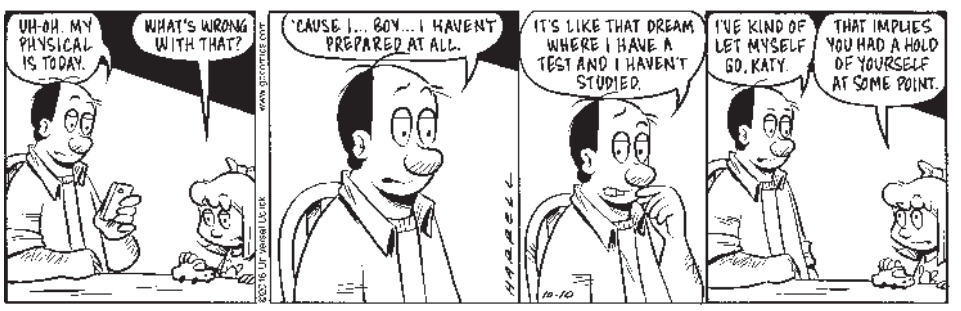
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
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IT'S LIKE THAT DREAM WHERE I HAVE A TEST AND I HAVEN'T STUDIED.
I'VE KIND OF LET MYSELF GO, KATY.
THAT IMPLIES YOU HAD A HOLD OF YOURSELF AT SOME POINT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY WILL BE ARMS AND SHOULDERS...
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY YOU'LL DO CHEST AND ABS.
CAN'T I JUST COME BACK ON BEER AND DONUTS DAY?
TRAINER

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Emulated Michael Phelps
5 Silent
8 Melville captain
12 Jason's ship
13 Swelled head
14 Anger
15 Oboe insert
16 "Hi, sailor!"
18 Owing money
20 Formosa, today
21 "CSI" settings
23 Shell game item
24 Unvarying price
28 Pack cargo
31 Cookout, briefly
32 Mix
34 Shade
35 "The jig —!"
37 Time near a deadline
39 "Caught ya!"
41 Peru's capital
42 Get smaller
45 Look-alike
49 Parking lot party
51 Big wind
52 Needle case
53 Hanoi holiday
54 Canadian flag emblem
55 Office part-timer
56 "Rah!"
57 Stately trees

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1 Rani's wrap
2 Wee songbird
3 On in years
4 Classic Ford
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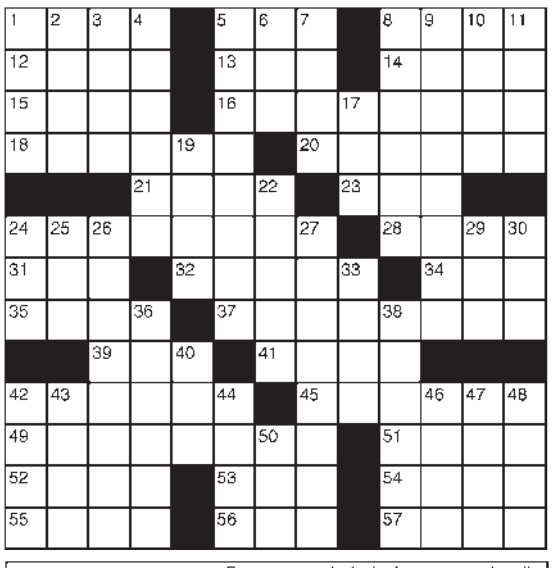

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dale Earnhardt Jr., 42; Mario Lopez, 43; Wendi McLendon-Covey, 47; Bradley Whitford, 57.

Happy Birthday: Recognize the changes going on around you. Being well-informed will ensure that you make the right choices. Not everyone will be pleased with the decisions you make, but you have to do what's best for you. Take on a new adventure and explore the subjects that interest you. Mixing what you enjoy with how you earn your living is encouraged. Your numbers are 6, 13, 22, 27, 30, 33, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You can rely on your partner or those who owe you favors. Don't hesitate to ask for help if it will help you get ahead or accomplish your goals. Bring about changes and take control of your future. Experience is priceless. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Your aggressive, no-nonsense approach to life and business will grab attention. Coming up with an idea is only good if you are willing to turn your thoughts into action. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Retail temptations should be ignored. Save your money for something you really want or need. A change at work based on new skills you have acquired will lead to more cash. Hard work will pay off, and a partnership looks rewarding. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Stay in the background and refuse to get upset. Your focus should be on work and personal improvements as well as nurturing important relationships. Making a positive change at home will help you avoid an argument. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Speak up and share your thoughts in order to start a dialogue that will raise important issues. Domestic matters will require immediate attention. Get an estimate or check into updates that will help cut your overhead. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Listen carefully or you could make a mistake. Don't interpret good advice as criticism. Think about what's expected of you and how you can be accommodating without jeopardizing your integrity. Romance will lead to uncertainty. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Show your feelings by offering understanding and affection, not by letting the little things bother you. Avoid arguments and keep the peace and you will find a way to navigate your way to a workable solution. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Use your imagination when it comes to making home improvements and doing thing that will please the people you live with and care about. Personal primping will lift your spirits and confidence. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't get caught up in the melodrama going on around you. Stick to the truth and take the high road. Speak from the heart and lay your cards on the table. Your honesty and integrity will bring about positive changes. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't get down; get moving. Focus on work and being responsible for your duties. Counter any negatives with positive talk about ways to make things better. Make romance a priority. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Say what's on your mind. You can make adjustments that will improve your emotional, physical or financial future. Your determination to making improvements will pay off if you let go of what's holding you back. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't divulge your next move. Clear up any potential problems before you share your intentions. A commitment to someone special will change your life in a good way, but put everything in place first to ensure your presentation is perfect. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are proud, aggressive and determined. You are competitive and unpredictable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	8	2			9		3	
5			6					9
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Difficulty Level ★ 10/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's SUDOKU Answer

6	1	9	7	4	2	8	3	5
5	7	3	8	9	1	6	4	2
8	4	2	3	5	6	7	9	1
4	5	8	1	6	3	2	7	9
9	6	1	2	7	4	5	8	3
3	2	7	9	8	5	1	6	4
2	8	6	4	1	9	3	5	7
1	9	5	6	3	7	4	2	8
7	3	4	5	2	8	9	1	6

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/7

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

MATCHA TEA Solution: 9 letters

C	L	L	Y	H	P	O	R	O	L	H	C	N	I	Z
H	A	S	E	L	E	N	I	U	M	H	A	S	X	G
A	R	I	M	F	I	B	E	R	A	D	H	Ⓝ	A	R
S	U	L	F	O	A	M	I	K	E	A	C	Ⓞ	L	I
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T	S	R	T	E	K	W	N	E	I	U	V	S	L	A
I	A	H	N	S	E	D	E	F	N	O	O	P	S	D
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Last Thursday's Answer: Scalp

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Vacancy Announcement

(1) Househelper - Knowledge in cooking Chinese,Japanese, Thai, Cuisine is a must. Experienced in household chores like cleaning, ironing, gardening, paying bills, and baby sitting. With valid driver's license.

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2017-CDA-01-ITB

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JOB TITLE: Administrative Officer
NUMBER OF OPENING: 1
SALARY RANGE: $6.55 to $12 /hourly

Job Duties
- Manages and executes administrative, project, and executive support activities associated with the office of a core division or equivalent component of the company. Reporting directly to the principal executive officer of the entity, serves as principle point of administrative contact and liaison with internal and external constituencies.
- Provides and/or oversees the provision of direct staff support to the office manager. Provides specialist administrative services as appropriate in such areas as public/community relations, faculty, staff, general business administration; and/or development and relations, depending upon the functional area supported.
- Oversees and administers the day-to-day activities of the office; develops policies, procedures, and systems which ensure productive and efficient office operation.
- Provides assistance and support in problem solving, project planning and management, and development and execution of stated goals and objectives.
- Provides and/or oversees provision of staff support to the office, to include handling walk-up and phone interactions, maintaining calendars and travel arrangements, screening, analyzing, and responding to incoming correspondence, handling day-to-day problems and situations, and provision of secretarial support.
- Provides assistance in the understanding and interpretation of company policies and procedures, as appropriate, and ensures that office operations are in compliance with policy provisions and standards.
- Assists in the coordination, supervision, and completion of special projects, as appropriate.

Qualifications:
- Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis
- Bachelor's degree; 2 years of directly related experience managing at least one of the following functional areas: fiscal services, administration and/or human resources
- Must be able to speak, read, and write in Mandarin

Experience:
- Five years of additional work experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.

Vacancy Announcement

(1) Barber/Beautician – One to Two years experience as Barber/Beautician. Knowledgeable in giving Hair Cut, Hair Colors, Hair High-lights.

Submit Applications To:
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(2) Deckhand
with 2-3 years experience
willing to work on flexible hours.

Please send resume to
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EMPLOYMENT

3 Cook (Korean cuisine): $6.55/hr. At least 2 years of professional cooking experience in Korean cuisine required.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Funeral Service Manager

(1) Computer systems Adnministrator
- Must be graduate of any related course/degree.
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PROGRAMMER ANALYST
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming or information technology and at least 3 years of progressive work-related experience in information technology. Must have strong practical knowledge in various programming languages, operating systems and relational databases management particularly in midrange Relational Database Management System (RDMS) environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

SALES OFFICER
Provides required product information to both existing and prospective customers. Provides support to the department with regard to sales and marketing and customer service programs activities. Responsible for ensuring good relations with all its customers both existing and prospective ones.

Preferably an Associate's Degree graduate in Sales and Marketing or any related courses. Must have at least three (3) years experience in sales and marketing. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Manage account, prepare paper works and variety of reports to monitor & maintain contract services.

Computer literate. Above average oral and written communication skills. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan or e-mail it to lnt_recruitment@tanholdings.com. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

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CORAL OCEAN GOLF RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) ACCOUNTANT
Salary: $6.55 to $8.00
Bachelor Degree in Accounting or equivalent. Have at least 2 to 4 years accounting work experience in hotel/golf course industry or equivalent. Have knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, A/P, A/R, G/L, FS, bank analysis and reporting of financial data. Excellent in mathematical and communication skills. Ability to maintain highly confidential nature of accounting works and possess professionalism with good manners and right conduct. Knowledge in different accounting software application. Must know how to operate Peachtree Program and must be computer literate. Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines. Willing to work in flexible shifts, in all-weather condition, days, evenings, weekends and holidays

(1) LIFEGUARD
Salary: $6.55 to $7.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least from a few month to a year of related work experienced. First Aide and CPR Certified, swimmer or a certified lifeguard. He/She must be familiar with the safe handling of pool chemicals and the process to clean and sanitize the area. Possess a friendly, good moral character and good communications skills. Fit to work under the sun and willing to work in flexible shifts, in all weather conditions, days, evenings, weekend and holidays. Company may require swimming test.

Suwaso Corporation would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to Recruit.COGR@eland.co.kr. Please provide at least two recommendation letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. Application form is available in the hotel lobby and HR office. Incomplete application form may not be considered for assessment. Please fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone call please.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Agent (1)
High School Diploma or GED with at least two (2) months work experience in travel/tour operation or sales or service based work environment, room reservations and vendor relations. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Tour Guide (7)
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than **October 20, 2016**. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply
for the following vacant positions:

(2) GENERAL MAINTENANCE
Two (2) years experience as a general maintenance worker is required, must be able to work independently, must be able to move, carry and lift up to 50 pounds, must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills, able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays and back-to-back when necessary.

Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: October 13, 2016

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Job Vacancy Announcement

Strategic Gaming Solution, Inc. has immediate opening for

Barterder (2)

Position Summary: Responsible for operating and maintaining the e-gaming/digital lounge bar during the shift. Ensuring that the bar, equipment and stock is maintained and cleaned. Ensure that all stock levels are adequate. Mix and serve drinks to patrons, directly or through wait staff.

Position Requirements: High School Graduate, GED or equivalent plus 1 year work experience as a bartender. Candidate must be energetic with an excellent track record in hospitality and who thrives in a fast-paced service environment; must have depth knowledge about wines, spirits, cocktails and other drink ingredients; has the ability to communicate effectively with guests, team members and management in both written and verbal form. Must have the ability to handle multiple tasks, must demonstrate true passion to serve guests, have strong team work skills, must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays and weekends. Must be highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication and leadership skills an advantage.

Kindly pick up an application at our Human Resources Department located within Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe. Application may be picked up Monday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Last day to submit application is October 10, 2016. No phone call please.

MGS
MARIANAS GEOTECH SERVICES

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Engineering Technician

DUTIES: Perform field and/or laboratory testing, and assist in soil investigations. Tabulate, prepare, and submit written reports based on project observations and inspections. Coordinate with project managers, technicians, clients, and others regarding the construction site and requirements. Other duties as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS: High school diploma or equivalent, at least 3 years of relevant experience, computer proficient, and good communication skills.

Applications are available at www.marianasgeotech.com and at the Marianas Geotech Services (MGS) office in Dandan. Submit applications by **5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2016**, to Carmen Borja at admin@marianasgeotech.com or at the MGS office. For more information, please contact 234-7645.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
A TanHoldings Company

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant positions:

(11) Housekeeping Cleaner
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays and back-to-back when necessary.

(4) Laundry Attendant
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 1 year experience as a laundry attendant is required, preferably in a high volume hotel or establishment such as a hospital but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

(1) Pastry Chef
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 2 years experience in creating breads and other baked goods such as cakes, pies and other pastries. Strong math skills, detailed oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

(1) A/C Refrigeration Technician
Qualification: ER preference, 3 years previous experience as A/C refrigeration technician is required. Must be able to read electrical wiring diagrams and control diagrams. Must be able to trouble shoot A/C and refrigeration equipment. Electrical experience is a must. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

(1) Diesel Mechanic
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years experience as a diesel mechanic is required. Must have an in-depth knowledge of diesel engineer and electrical systems. Attention to detail is essential. Must be able to use and understand an array of tools and technical equipment. Able to diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul buses and trucks, or maintain and repair any type of diesel engines. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Mason
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years masonry or bricklaying experience OR any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills and abilities have been achieved. Must have knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment and materials and skills in the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Electrician
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. 3 years progressive work experience in industrial, commercial and residential building electrical works. Must know how to understand electrical plan. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

(12) Steward
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

(1) Upholsterer
Qualification: 2 years experience as an upholsterer with above average knowledge in upholstery making, designing and conceptualizing, knowledge on stitching by hand or with the use of big sewing machines, repairing or redesign wrecked upholsters, must recognize different methods of upholstery making both in household and automobile, be able to communicate with the customers well and easy to understand what they want, must be meticulous with his/her work must be goal oriented and can meet deadlines.

Applications may be obtained at Fiesta Resort's security office located at the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application is October 13, 2016 to be considered. A drug test will be required as a pre-requisite to employment.

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GPPC, INC. Job Opening:

Civil Engineering Technicians (3) $6.60 - 10.25/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2- years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Mechanical Engineering Technicians (02) $6.60 - 7.50/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as a Mechanical Engineering Technician with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Mechanical Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and other facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Electrical Engineering Technicians (01) $6.60 - 7.50/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as a Electrical Engineering Technician with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Electrical Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and other facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Machinist (01) $6.60 - 7.00/hour
Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments. Includes precision instrument makers who fabricate, modify or repair. Must be a high graduate or minimum 5year's experience as a Machinist.

Sales Person (2) $6.55 - 6.60/hour
Must be a high/ college graduate or minimum 2-5year's experience as a Sales Person. Sell mdse, such as light and heavy vehicles, motor vehicles parts, H. E. parts, appliances, to consumers. Describe mdse and explain use, operation.

Auto Body Repairer (06) $6.60 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 2 years' experience as Auto Body Repairer. With knowledge how to repair and refinish automotive vehicle bodies and straighten vehicle frames.

Truck Driver (02) $6.60 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW for various construction materials transportation

Plumber (06) $6.55 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experienced as a plumber with knowledge to assemble, install alter and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air or other liquids or gases. May install heating and cooling equipment and mechanical control systems and sprinkler fitters.

Painter (05) $6.60 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as Painter. Knowledgeable on how to operate/tend various painting machines. Able to paint transportation equipment surfaces, such as automobiles,buses,trucks,trains,boats,airplanes ad etc.

Carpenter (20) $6.60 - $7:50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.

Automobile Electrician (03) $6.60 - $7.50/hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. With knowledge on electric motor, alternator, starter and motor rewinding.

Electrician (10) $6.60 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (20) $6.60 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
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Wood homers as Cubs beat Giants 5-2 for 2-0 NLDS lead

AP

Chicago Cubs' Travis Wood (37) celebrates after a home run in the fourth inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League Division Series against the San Francisco Giants, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—Best in the majors during the regular season, the Chicago Cubs are one win from reaching the NL Championship Series for the second straight year.

Travis Wood took over when starter Kyle Hendricks got hurt and became the first relief pitcher since 1924 to hit a postseason home run , helping the Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 5-2 Saturday night for 2-0 NL Division Series lead.

Madison Bumgarner, coming off a four-hit shutout of the New York Mets in the NL wild card game, tries to save the Giants' season when the series resumes Monday in San Francisco.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon remains wary of the Giants, World Series champions in 2010, '12 and '14.

"You watch how they react to different moments," Maddon said. "They're never panicked. They're never concerned. ... I really believe our guys will come ready to play knowing that they are also. That's just a given."

The Cubs, who start reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta, are now one win from a matchup with the Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington Nationals. Swept by the New York Mets in last year's NLCS, Chicago led the big leagues with 103 wins during the regular season and is hoping for its first World Series title since 1908.

Ben Zobrist hit a run-scoring single off former Cubs pitcher Jeff Samardzija in the first, and Hendricks added a two-run, bloop single in a three-run second.

The Cubs were leading 4-2 in the fourth when Hendricks left the game after with a bruised right forearm after being hit by Angel Pagan's line drive.

Wood struck out Conor Gillaspie to strand Pagan, then sent a one-out offering from George Kontos halfway up the left-field bleachers in the bottom half. The only other reliever to homer in the postseason was the New York Giants' Rosy Ryan in Game 3 of the 1924 World Series.

Given a curtain call by a screaming crowd of 42,392, Wood joined Rick Sutcliffe (1984) and Kerry Wood (2003) as the only Cubs pitchers to go deep in the postseason. Travis Wood has nine regular-season homers in his big league career.

Wood pitched a hitless fifth and was credited with the win. Four more relievers completed Chicago's second straight six-hitter, with Aroldis Chapman throwing 12 of 16 pitches at 100 mph and up for his second consecutive save.

Hendricks, the major league ERA leader, gave up two runs and four hits in 3 2/3 innings.

"We picked him up tonight, having his injury and stuff and that's what we have done all year long," Wood said. "We pull on each other and end up backing each other up."

Samardzija's first career playoff start was a short one. The right-hander, who spent his first 61/2 seasons with the Cubs, was pinch hit for in the third after allowing four runs and six hits.

Down 4-0, San Francisco scored two in the third when Gregor Blanco doubled in a run and scored on Brandon Belt 's sacrifice fly.

"Just can't put your team in that much of a hole early in the game, especially against a good staff like they have over there," Samardzija said. "Like to have that one back, for sure, that one's on me."

HENDRICKS UPDATE

Hendricks said his arm "feels pretty good right now" and he hopes to be ready in a few days after X-rays showed no structural damage.

He said he felt pain after a few warmup pitches and exited after a discussion with Maddon.

"He told me if there's anything at all, he didn't want me in there," Hendricks said.

SEENs

Actor and comedian Bill Murray was back cheering on the Cubs for the second night in a row. But no, he wasn't wearing an "I Ain't Afraid of No Goat" shirt as he did on Friday.

Former Cubs closer Lee Smith threw out the ceremonial first pitch , and Chicago native and former WWE star CM Punk delivered the "Play Ball!" call before the game.

Actor Jeff Garlin sang "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch.

UP NEXT

Giants: Bumgarner has pitched 23 consecutive postseason innings and is 8-3 with a 1.94 ERA in 13 postseason starts and 15 appearances.

Cubs: Arrieta won 18 games but had a 4.60 ERA in five starts last month. He gave up seven runs in a loss to Pittsburgh on Sept. 28.

Dodgers-Nats rained out in Game 2 of NLDS; will play Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP)—Long after the concourses emptied, the sky cleared up as the tarp still covered the field. Game 2 of the NL Division Series between the Washington Nationals and Los Angeles Dodgers still had to wait.

Major League Baseball postponed the Dodgers-Nationals game until Sunday at 1:08 p.m. because it expected the rain that fell throughout the morning and afternoon to continue well into the night.

The teams were scheduled for a 4:08 p.m. first pitch Saturday. But rain that intensified as Hurricane Matthew moved up the coast and a forecast of "100 percent certainty" for precipitation until at least 8 p.m. forced the decision, Commissioner Rob Manfred said.

"We hate to cancel," said Manfred, who arrived Saturday afternoon after a flight from New York. "We hate to make travel worse on the players than it was originally intended to be. But it just doesn't look like we're going to have a situation that would be safe for the players to play."

Rain stopped falling at Nationals Park around 4 p.m., about an hour after the decision was made to postpone the game. Rain was scheduled to resume in the early evening.

LA leads the best-of-five series 1-0 after a 4-3 victory Friday night.

Manfred said he expected the weather to be better Sunday at Nationals Park and hopes to be "in a sunny period." It's supposed to be 61 degrees and windy around game time.

Left-hander Rich Hill (12-5, 2.12 ERA) will start for the Dodgers against right-hander Tanner Roark (16-10, 2.83). Manfred said the rest of the series will proceed as scheduled with Game 3 Monday afternoon at Dodger Stadium, as the rain wiped out the travel day to the West Coast.

Nationals second baseman Daniel Murphy said players came in prepared to play but was glad the decision was made quickly.

"Hats off to Major League Baseball for canceling this early," Murphy said. "I'm sure they didn't want either pitcher to get out there and get caught in a situation where you lose one of them, especially in a short series like this."

The postponement means the teams will have to play and fly Sunday.

"We do East-West travel like this during the regular season," Manfred said. "It's not ideal but doable."

It's expected to be Dodgers righty Kenta Maeda against Nationals lefty Gio Gonzalez in Game 3. LA manager Dave Roberts said lefty Julio Urias would start Game 4, if necessary, which would leave ace Clayton Kershaw available for a possible Game 5.

STICKING WITH ESPINOSA

Nationals manager Dusty Baker stuck with Danny Espinosa on his initial Game 2 lineup despite the shortstop going 0 for 3 with three strikeouts in Game 1. Asked why he continues to play Espinosa, Baker was blunt.

"Well, who else do I have?" Baker said. If "you can give me somebody better, then I can play somebody instead of him. Certain times you have certain people on your team and that's what you've got. Now, my job is to hopefully get the most out of them and make them better."

BLISTERS IN THE SUN

The blister issues Hill has been dealing with make it unlikely he'd be able to come back for a potential Game 5 on short rest, Roberts said. That means the Dodgers won't try to push Kershaw to pitch on short rest in Game 4.

"We've been very cautious up to this point," Roberts said. "That's a variable that is kind of start to start, and we'll see how he is."

Hill wasn't worried about the blisters in wet weather, either, which now won't be a concern.

GONZALEZ GOES WEST

Gonzalez will fly to Los Angeles before the rest of his teammates Sunday to get some extra rest. He struggled during the regular season but hopes to be able to take advantage of the Dodgers' lefty-heavy lineup and wants to go deep into Game 4.

"It's never easy facing that lineup," Gonzalez said. "I would never say, 'Hey, just go out there and pitch.' You definitely have to some have common sense to throw some of these guys. You can't just groove a fastball right down the middle."

Jays' Liriano has concussion, removed from ALDS roster

TORONTO (AP)—Blue Jays left-hander Francisco Liriano was removed from the AL Division Series roster Saturday after he sustained a concussion in Toronto's Game 2 win over Texas.

Right-hander Danny Barnes will replace Liriano, who left in the eighth inning Friday after being hit in the back of the head by Carlos Gomez's line drive.

Liriano is not eligible to return for seven days.

The Blue Jays lead the series 2-0. Game 3 is Sunday at Toronto.

Head athletic trainer George Poulis said Liriano felt good after tests Saturday.

"We're going to examine him each day and just go from there," Poulis said.

Players who sustain a concussion must be cleared by Major League Baseball before returning.

Liriano left after being struck by the ball, which ricocheted into right field for an RBI single. He was replaced by Roberto Osuna, who got the final five outs as Toronto won 5-3.

Liriano and Gomez were teammates in Minnesota and remain good friends. Gomez said he spoke to Liriano on the phone Friday night and was relieved to hear his friend was not more seriously hurt.

"I slept better knowing he didn't have any problems," Gomez said, adding that he and Liriano had discussed going for dinner together on Saturday night.

So, did Gomez plan on picking up the check after nailing his pal in the head?

"We're both rich, so it doesn't matter," he joked.

Derrick Rose says he assumed ex-girlfriend consented to sex

New York Knicks basketball player Derrick Rose arrives at U.S. District Court in downtown Los Angeles on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016. AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There was no text message that specifically gave Derrick Rose permission to have sex with his ex-girlfriend, but for the NBA star the signs were clear, he testified in a lawsuit that accuses him and two friends of raping the woman.

It started with a morning text message from the woman saying Rose was the reason she "wakes up horny," including a photo of herself in her nightshirt and continued with other texts about sex throughout the day.

Rose said Friday he surmised that the "horny" text had triggered consent from that point on, and that was only reinforced for him by their sexual history, sex acts she engaged in with him and his personal assistant that night at his house and an invite hours later to her apartment.

"I was assuming that all of us going over there that she wanted to have sex with all of us," Rose testified in a matter-a-fact demeanor.

His description of the incident differed dramatically from the woman's testimony, which lasted a day and a half in Los Angeles federal court.

The 30-year-old woman denied having sex earlier in the evening at Rose's Beverly Hills mansion, though her testimony was clouded by her claims that she blacked out and could only piece together the evening through short "flashes" of memory and by reviewing a flurry of text messages she apparently was able to send despite being drunk and, possibly, drugged.

At the end of testimony, Rose's lawyer asked a judge to declare a mistrial because of a profane text message that he said the woman's lawyers had failed to reveal until Friday.

The judge said he would take the issue up Tuesday morning before the Knicks point guard is scheduled to resume testimony. The judge ordered Rose to return to the stand even if it means missing a preseason game the night before in New York.

Rose, 28, was called to the stand by the plaintiff's lawyer as a hostile witness to help make the plaintiff's case that the woman never gave consent to have sex with him and his longtime friends and assistants, Randall Hampton and Ryan Allen.

Consent is the main issue for the jury of six women and two men. The men, all friends since adolescence in Chicago, have denied the allegations and said the woman consented.

The Associated Press is not naming the woman because it generally does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault.

Rose said the only time the woman said, "Stop" was after she let them in her apartment and they all headed for the bedroom together.

"She told us, 'One at a time,'" he said. He and Hampton waited on the sofa while Allen was inside.

The woman testified she never let the men in her place and remembers waking to see them all in her bedroom. She recalled Allen on top of her at one point and, at another, Rose pulling her to the side of the bed as she tried to roll off.

Rose said he never received any text from the woman telling him she wanted to have sex with him and the two others. But he had assumed from what had transpired and the fact she had never told him no.

"In my mind, she consented every time we had sex," he said. "Why wouldn't she do it that time?"

Attorney Waukeen McCoy suggested Rose had no remorse about the night.

"I'm sensitive to it," Rose replied, but added, "I feel I didn't do anything wrong."

Rose hadn't seen the woman since breaking up months earlier, but invited her over for drinks that night. She came with a friend and after a shot or two of tequila she became sexually aggressive, which turned him off.

Rose retreated to his room, where he rebuffed further advances until a friend removed her from the room.

About 20 minutes later, he said he walked outside and saw Hampton having sex with her by the side of the pool, and she pulled Rose over to join them, though he broke away and returned to his room.

Rose said the woman was acting a bit abnormally, but he didn't think she was drunk.

Rose said he once had feelings for the woman and thought they had a bond. He was once asked if he thought she was after his money.

"Not at that time," he said.

Defense lawyers have described her as a gold digger and suggested she had sued for money.

She denied that saying: "I didn't wish him any harm, I wanted him to be accountable."

The woman didn't report the incident to police until she filed suit more than two years later. Los Angeles police still have an open investigation.

Cardinals capitalize on 49ers mistakes to win 33-21

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—With Carson Palmer sidelined by a concussion, the one-win Arizona Cardinals turned to Larry Fitzgerald, David Johnson and an opportunistic defense for a much-needed victory.

Drew Stanton threw two touchdown passes to Fitzgerald in the quarterback's first start in two years, Johnson ran for two scores and the Cardinals capitalized on San Francisco mistakes to beat the 49ers 33-21 on Thursday night.

"We were a hungry team, a team that knows that we dug a hole for ourselves and we had to win this game," coach Bruce Arians said.

The Cardinals (2-3) got 17 points off three turnovers by the 49ers (1-4) - two interceptions by Blaine Gabbert and a fumbled kickoff return by Chris Davis - and also had one drive extended by a running-into-the-kicker penalty.

Those three scoring drives totaled just 41 yards, but proved to be enough to beat the sloppy 49ers as the Cardinals survived a week with without Palmer out with a concussion.

"I don't think anybody played well on offense. Nobody," Niners coach Chip Kelly said. "I don't think we protected well enough, I don't think we threw it well enough and we had too many drops and two interceptions."

Stanton didn't produce much, going 11 for 27 for 124 yards. But Arizona didn't turn the ball over and got 157 yards rushing from Johnson to get the win. Johnson added 28 yards receiving, and Fitzgerald caught six passes for 81 yards as that duo combined to gain 266 of the team's 288 yards from scrimmage.

The defense did the rest with the two interceptions and seven sacks.

"We've been saying all week it just starts with one. Just get one win and try to stack them," defensive lineman Calais Campbell said. "We've been a team in the past that can rip off a bunch of them. ... Now we have to figure out what we can do to keep that ball rolling."

QUICK TURNAROUND: The game changed in a span of less than 4 minutes starting late in the second quarter. Campbell's interception of a deflected pass set up Arizona's first score on a 21-yard pass from Stanton to Fitzgerald with 1:40 left in the half. Davis' fumble of the second-half kickoff then set up Johnson's 4-yard run that put Arizona up for good.

"We got the momentum going," Stanton said. "Unfortunately, I think, it's one of those things as an offense you're waiting to make a play, and got that spark from the defense. Then to come out in the second half and get the ball right there was huge."

WE WANT KAP: There were several thousand empty seats at the game but the fans who did show up were frustrated by what they saw. At one point in the third quarter, a chant of "We want Kap! We want Kap!" started up as fans wanted to give former starter Colin Kaepernick a shot at quarterback. Gabbert responded by leading an 82-yard TD drive fueled in part by his 24-yard run.

The chants started again after Gabbert threw his second interception.

Gabbert finished 18 for 31 for 162 yards and Kelly would not address whether it was time to make a quarterback change.

"We're 1-4. We're going to look at everything," he said. "We have to make sure we're giving our team the best chance to go out and win."

FAVORITE TARGET: Jeremy Kerley, acquired two weeks before the start of the season in a trade with Detroit, has quickly established himself as Gabbert's most trusted receiver. After nine straight punts to open the game, Gabbert completed four passes for 63 yards on one drive in the second quarter, capped by a 9-yard TD pass to Kerley.

PUNT PARTY: The first quarter featured six drives, six punts, zero points and only five completed passes as both offenses struggled mightily. Gabbert and Stanton missed open receivers, had other throws dropped and neither offense could generate much of anything.

SACK PARTY: Markus Golden and Campbell each had two of Arizona's seven sacks as the Cardinals put constant pressure on Gabbert. Pass protection had been one of the few positives on offense for the 49ers, who had allowed just three sacks the first four games.

Saipan Apparel outlasts GMI Market in overtime

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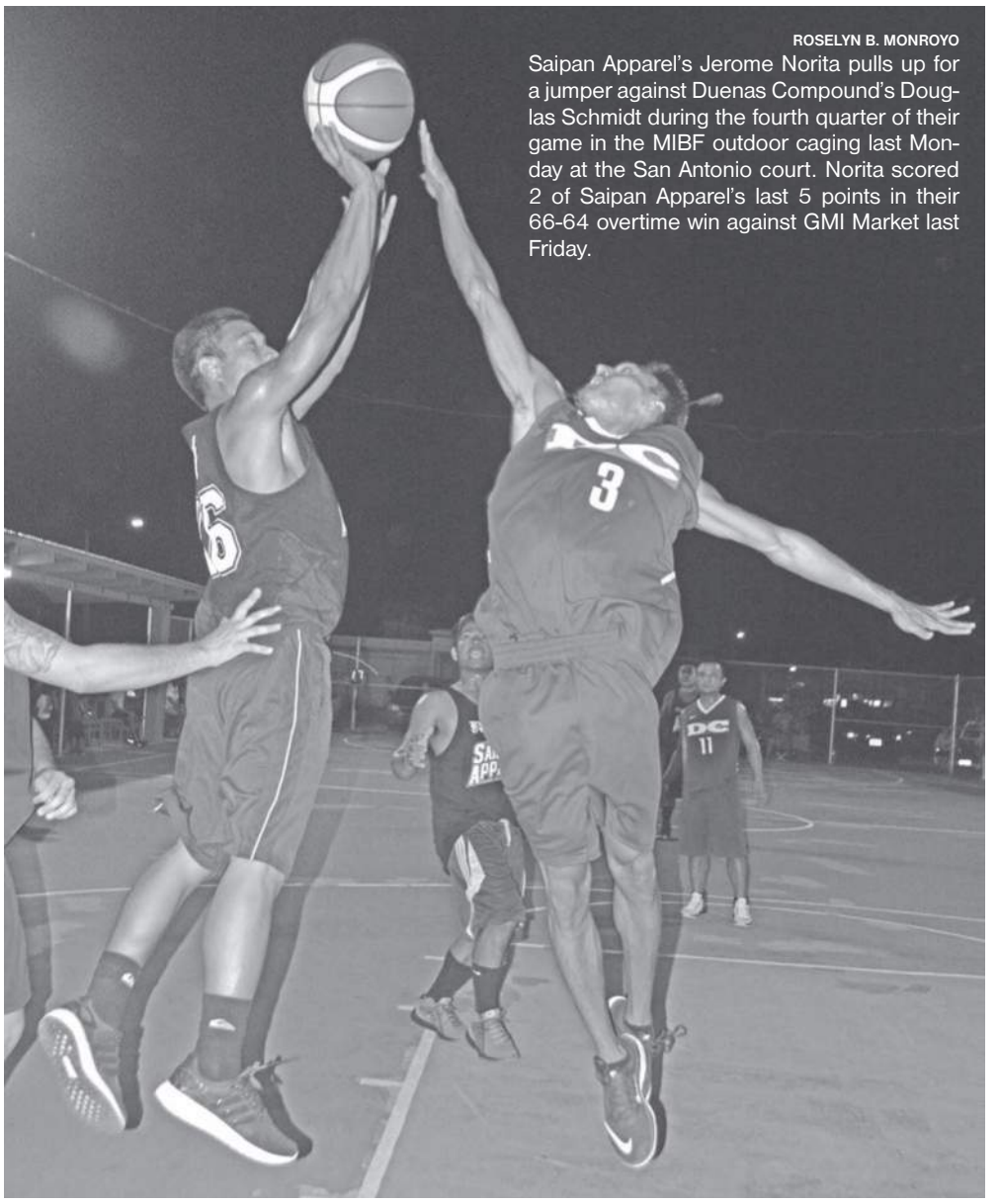

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Apparel's Jerome Norita pulls up for a jumper against Duenas Compound's Douglas Schmidt during the fourth quarter of their game in the MIBF outdoor caging last Monday at the San Antonio court. Norita scored 2 of Saipan Apparel's last 5 points in their 66-64 overtime win against GMI Market last Friday.

Saipan Apparel eked out 66-64 win in overtime against GMI Market in the curtain-raiser in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Friday night at the San Antonio court.

Josh Andrew knocked in the go-ahead basket inside the paint for Saipan Apparel in the extension period, while Jerome Norita and Jay Sumile scored the 3 other points for the winning squad. Saipan Apparel now has a 3-1 record, bouncing back from its 64-75 loss to Duenas Compound last Monday. GMI Market continued its roller-coaster ride, dropping to a 2-3 mark.

Saipan Apparel needed extra five minutes to bag its third victory as it failed to pull away against GMI Market, which brought the match in overtime off Jun Fidelino's pair of free throws.

It led by only 3 at the end of the first period behind the combined 13 points of Kelvin Fitial and Norita. Prince Factor and Paul Doseo, on the other hand, teamed up with 10 markers to keep GMI Market afloat after the first 10 minutes of play.

In the next 10 minutes, the match remained close with Saipan Apparel up by only 5, 31-26. Six different players scored for Saipan Apparel, while only four made it to the board for GMI Market.

GMI Market then trimmed the deficit down to 3 markers anew by the end of the third period, 42-45, as Fidelino nailed 6 of their last 8 points in that canto after going scoreless in the second. Saipan Apparel failed to widen the gap in the third frame, as only Fitial canned more than one field goal for his team.

Aside Fidelino, GMI Market also leaned on Prince Factor and Doseo in the early part of the fourth quarter to stay in contention, while Saipan Apparel muffed an opportunity to wrap up the match in regulation due to its free throw woes. Saipan Apparel went 2-for-4 from the stripe in the closing seconds with Syl Teregeyo and Jerry Diaz splitting their charities.

Fidelino, on the other hand, went perfect in his last trip to the 15-foot line to force the deadlock after 40 minutes of play. However, Fidelino and company fell short in the end, while Andrew came to Saipan Apparel's rescue with his point-blanked shot.

Saipan Apparel 66 — Fitial 17, Norita 12, Lisua 11, Andrew 7, E. Diaz 4, J. Diaz 4, Teregeyo 3, Lizama 2, Sumile 1.

GMI Market 64 — P. Factor 15, Doseo 13, Fidelino 11, Tolosa 6, Alipio 6, A. Factor 5, Senupe 4, Sison 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-13, 31-26, 45-42, 61-61, 66-65 (OT).

TOMOKANE

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the best abs award and was ranked second in the middleweight category. Iakopo, who debuted in the Dee Clayton Classic, finished first in the welterweight division, edging Riodique.

"I would like to thank all the people who helped and supported me this year when I started training again. It was hard to get back in shape after not competing last year," said Tomokane, who will next prepare for a tournament in Thailand before taking another break to have more time to train newcomers.

Meanwhile, in the physique open category, Valdez bested six other participants to bag the overall championship. He also earned the top spot in the open physical tall class, defeating Vicente Aldan, and got the best poser award anew. The Joeten Shopping Center employee prevailed in the same competition last year, downing Alberto Roberto and Ben Tabin.

In the open physical short class, Lorenzo Sanchez defeated three other entries and also clinched the best abs award. Vicente Salas II, Eun Sook Cho, and Roberto were ranked second, third, and fourth, respectively. Sean Japor also joined the competition and was named winner in the teen physique category.

In the women's division, Anna Manibusan and Jennifer Cui split the top honors in the two categories.

Cui, who placed second to Chomstar Gordon last year, brought home the first place medal in the figure category this time, while Manibusan settled for the runner-up honors. Manibusan then took center stage when she won the bikini open division against Cui and Tona Lizama, who claimed the teen bikini award.

Musclemania Antelope Valley champion Grady Gray and Guam champion bodybuilder Mike Duay, Joy Yumul, and Jonas Barcinas were the judges of the weekend contest organized by Dee Clayton. The two bodybuilders along with Miss Teen Marianas runner-up Nicole Meyers also presented the awards to the winners.

Bisping takes judges' decision over retiring Henderson

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Michael Bisping retained his UFC middleweight title early by taking a unanimous decision victory over Dan Henderson at UFC 204 at the Manchester Arena on Sunday, ending the retiring American's career in defeat.

The fight started tentatively, with Henderson wary of combinations from Bisping, and the Englishman concerned about the right hook with which Henderson had knocked him out at UFC 100.

With 30 seconds to go in the first round, however, the 46-year-old Henderson landed the shot for which he is known, almost finishing Bisping and creating prominent swelling under his left eye.

With Bisping controlling the second round, a groin strike not spotted by the referee, and led to an ailing Henderson hitting the right hook, dropping Bisping once more, although again he was able to recover.

The remaining rounds were less dramatic, although Bisping continued to land more strikes. That led to the judges awarding the hometown favorite the fight, despite the differences in overall damage.

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In this April 25, 2016, file photo, Michael Bisping, left, of England, lands a kick to the head of CB Dollaway, from the United States, during a UFC 186 middleweight mixed martial arts bout in Montreal.

"He just kicked my ass, man. He's as tough as old boots," said a relieved Bisping after the fight.

Henderson had announced his retirement prior to the fight, and confirmed it afterward.

"That was the last time anyone will see me fight live," Henderson said. "I appreciate all the support throughout my career, worldwide. I gave my heart and soul to this sport.

"I came up a little short, but not bad for an old man."

In the co-main event, Gegard Mousasi defeated Vitor Belfort in the middleweight division.

After an early flurry of punches by Belfort, he took a head kick in round two, and referee Marc Goddard stopped the bout quickly when the Brazilian fell to the ground

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from Rota, Saipan, Guam to Japan, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Manila. Second prize was $300 cash and $200 cash for third place.

In the yellow fin category (big-eye), first place was $400, second place was $300, and $200 for third place.

In the bonita tuna category, first place was $250, second was $150, and third place was $100.

The derby started on Friday and ended up on Saturday. The awarding ceremony was held during fiesta celebration on Saturday night at the fiesta ground at the Chamorro Village Park in Songsong.

Hocog thanked the derby's sponsors—Budweiser, Marianas Visitors Authority, IT&E, Docomo Pacific, Bank of Guam, Ambros Inc., United Airlines, Rota Mayor's Office, the 15th Rota Municipal Council, Rota Legislative Delegation, and several government agencies.

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two more races before holding the 2016 All Schools Cross Country Championships on Nov. 5. For the second leg, runners are requested to be at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe before the 7am start time this Saturday. For the third and last leg scheduled for Oct. 22, participants will return to the CPA Airport Field with races slated to kick off at 4pm. The CPA Airport Field will also host the championship, which will have an earlier start time at 3pm.

NMA will hand out awards to individual winners and champion schools and runners should compete in at least one of the three legs to be able to join the finale next month.

"We are hoping to have more runners in the succeeding races as we wait for the participation of our public schools and a couple more private schools," Rangamar said.

2016 Dee Clayton Classic Winners

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Aaron Tomokane, third left, poses with his trophy after getting the overall victory in the bodybuilding category of the 2016 Dee Clayton Classic held last Saturday at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Also in the photo are Miss Teen Marianas runner-up Nicole Meyers, left, and two representatives from Coca-Cola.

Guam bodybuilder Mike Duay, left, presents the runner-up medal to Vincent Aldan during the awards ceremony for the open physique tall class.

Teen bikini open winner Tona Lizama poses for a photo after getting her awards.

Teen physique category winner Sean Japor.

Lorenzo Sanchez, center, is all smiles after winning the open physique short class and the best abs categor

Judge Joy Yumul, left, presents the bikini top award to Anna Manibusan.

In Souk Cho, center, receives the third place award in the open physique short class.

Alberto Roberto, center, poses with his fourth place medal and trophy in the open physique short class.

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Tomokane, Valdez stand out

TOMOKANE

VALDEZ

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Aaron Tomokane had a triumphant return, while Enrico Valdez made it two in a row as they ruled their respective divisions in the 2016 Dee Clayton Classic held last Saturday at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

Tomokane, who missed last year's competition after reigning supreme in the 2014 tournament, topped the middleweight division of the bodybuilding contest and also took the overall championship in the same category, beating Stanley Iakopo, Donivan Mendiola, and former winner Jun Riodique.

The 23-year-old Tomokane was also adjudged best poser, while Mendiola gained

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Huge turnout for cross country kick-off

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A crowded starting line greeted more than 160 runners in the opening of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

"We are very happy with the huge turnout, especially this is just the first of a series of cross country races NMA is having this season," NMA coach and race director Elias Rangamar said.

The middle school and high school division drew the most participants with 86, while the elementary field had 80 racers. The elementary division was made up of runners in the U7, U9, and U11 age groups and they negotiated the nearly one-mile course. In the middle school division (for U13 and U15 runners), participants had to do two laps of the course, while the high school runners (U18) completed a three-lap race.

Agape Christian School had the most entries in the cross country kick-off, fielding nearly 70 students in the weekend races. The Torchbearers' Caleb Wang and Allen Wu were the Top 2 overall finishers in the U18 divisions after clocking in at 20:46 and 20:49, respectively, while Haoyu Chen ruled the boys U15 age group with his 13:16. Times were unofficial, as NMA has yet to release the complete results of the races.

Saipan International School, Saipan Community School, San Vicente Elementary School, and Mt. Carmel School also joined the first cross country race of the school year.

"We would like to thank the principals, teachers, and coaches of all the participating schools. We would also like to thank the parents of the students for supporting their children and letting them compete in our races," said NMA secretary general Robin Sapong, who led the runners at the starting line.

Meanwhile, NMA will hold

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Runners in the elementary division head out to the course during the first leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

19 boats take part Bud Light Luta Fishing Derby

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15th Rota Municipal Council chair George Ogo Hocog, extreme left, poses with other members of committee for the two-day Bud Light Luta Fishing Derby while waiting for the arrival of trolling boats at the West Marina on Saturday noon. Nineteen boats, mostly from Guam, participated in the event.

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ROTA—Nineteen trolling boats mostly from Guam participated in the two-day Bud Light Luta Fishing Derby on Rota over the weekend.

Associate Justice Perry B. Inos and former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente and their crew were the two participants from Saipan. Three other participants were from Rota and the rest were from Guam.

As of press time, *Saipan Tribune* was still waiting for the official results.

15th Rota Municipal Council chair George Ogo Hocog, who organized the derby, said the event has four categories—marlin, wahoo, yellow fin, and bonita tuna.

Hocog noted that there's not much catch as the waters were rough.

As of Saturday at noon, Rota's *Fullcount II* boat was leading in the marlin category with a 102-lb billfish catch.

In the marlin category, the prize for the top winner was $2,000 cash, while $600 and $400 for the second and third place, respectively.

In the wahoo category, first place was a round-trip ticket (United Airlines)

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